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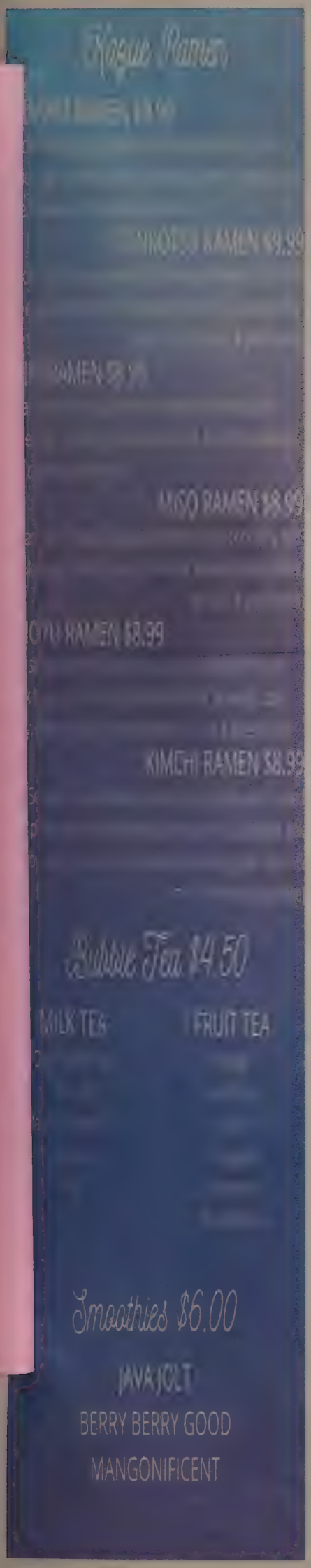

Etown named to Princeton Review's best colleges list

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The College was named to the "Best in the Northeast" list primarily for its academics, student activities and beautiful campus.

It was announced Thursday, Sept. 2 that Elizabethtown College was one of 223 colleges to be named to the Princeton Review's "Best in the Northeast" list. The site named a total of 665 colleges to its "2022 Best Colleges: Region by Region" feature, split into five categories by region: the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, West and International. The colleges named to the "Best in the Northeast" list are from 11 Northeastern states, and the schools in each list are itemized in alphabetical order rather than being ranked.

"We are honored to be included as a top college in the Northeast by The Princeton Review," Etown President Cecilia M. McCormick, J.D. said. "This recognition highlights the exceptional Elizabethtown College academic and social experience that we provide our students as they develop the knowledge and skills to pursue their life's work and make impactful contributions in our world."

The Princeton Review provides college admissions services such as test preparation, tutoring and online resources for students. The company has 4,000 tutors and teachers and 150 college preparation books published by Penguin Random House. It is not affiliated with Princeton University.

The Princeton Review also designated 158 colleges in the Midwest, 126 in the West, 143 in the Southeast and four in the International region for their respective regional lists.

Not surprisingly, it is not the College's first time being featured on one of the Princeton Review's college ranking lists. Etown was also included in the 2020 "Best in the Northeast" list.

"As a [c]ollege, this is a wonderful recognition to be ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the best institutions in the northeast," Executive Director of Marketing & Communications Keri Straub said. "The honor represents the robust academic program we offer at Etown as well as it highlights our highly-trained faculty and vibrant student life environment."

According to the Princeton Review, the colleges named to the "2022 Best Colleges: Region by Region" compose about 23 percent of the nation's four-year colleges. Unlike other college ranking sites, the Princeton Review primarily relies on student opinion, rather than statistical data, when formulating their rankings. The students are surveyed about their college's academic programs and administration, student life environment, their fellow students and themselves. The company also considers data from administrators surveyed, information from staff visits and solicited opinions from college counselors and advisers.

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Etown to host watershed forum and science symposium

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Elizabethtown College is hosting the Lancaster-Lebanon Watershed Forum and Science Symposium Nov. 19 to Nov. 20. According to the College, the purpose of the event is to "foster conversation and collaboration among a diverse group of stakeholders and participants in protecting watersheds and water quality."

The forum will also address advances relating to social and technical areas in relation to watershed restoration and protection.

The session on Nov. 19 will focus on scientific research to advance watershed restoration and protection, followed by a session on Nov. 20 which will cover experiences from local watershed practitioners, as well as local government officials, representatives from community organizations and volunteers. The forum's attendance is expected to be approximately 120 people over the course of the two days.

The event is in collaboration with Lancaster County Conservative District, Lancaster Clean Water Partners, LandStudies, Inc., Lebanon County Conservation District, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center. It will be held in the Susquehanna Room located in Myer Hall.

Associate professor of biology Dr. David Bowne also emphasized that the forum is "intended to be an exchange of ideas on new scientific advances in watershed restoration and best practices on improving water quality."

Students, faculty, staff and other scientists are invited to attend the forum to learn more about recent advancements in the issue.

The topic of watershed restoration and water quality has increased in popularity as scientists have become focused on improving the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. As noted by Bowne, the Chesapeake Bay is "incredibly important in economic, environmental and social terms and its health is dependent on everything that happens within its watershed, which covers five states."

Bowne further explained how the issues surrounding the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed are interconnected to Lancaster County and Lebanon County as rain "that doesn't evaporate eventually reaches the [Chesapeake] Bay and takes with it all of the stuff that runs off those surfaces."

Through scientific research on watershed restoration and protection, land management can be revolutionized to minimize pollution that migrates to the Chesapeake Bay from surrounding areas.

On a local level, Bowne noted the importance of maintaining the health of streams in Lancaster County, as well as surrounding counties, as water quality plays a role in providing clean drinking water, habitats for wildlife and other recreational hobbies such as fishing.

"Watershed restoration and protection can also help with flood control, which is becoming more important as rainstorms are

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

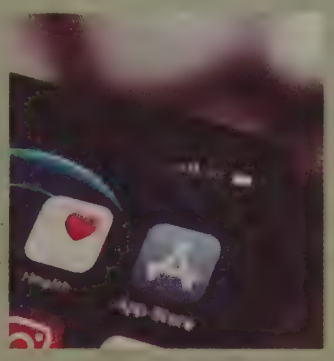
Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

A major ruling has been made Friday, Sept. 10 in the Epic Games v. Apple case. Video game developer Epic Games, creator of the popular video game Fortnite, brought a lawsuit against Apple in Aug. 2020, arguing against Apple's restrictions on apps that are listed on the App Store from having in-app purchasing methods other than the method provided by the App Store. Founder of Epic Games Tim Sweeney also challenged Apple's practice of taking a 30 percent revenue cut of all purchases made in the App Store, believing that the cut was much too steep. Epic Games intentionally implemented changes to Fortnite Aug. 13, 2020 in order to bypass the App Store's payment method, which prompted Apple to take the game down from the App Store. This then led Epic Games to file a lawsuit against Apple. Apple filed a countersuit stating that Epic Games had intentionally breached its terms of contract with Apple and that the technology company was prepared to defend itself against the games developer.

Epic Games also filed a lawsuit against Google on the same day after Google pulled Fortnite from its Google Play app store for similar reasons to Apple following the game's updates. However, Google has stressed that the circumstances surrounding their case with Epic Games are different to those in the case with Apple, so the two lawsuits will be discussed separately.

Federal Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers ruled that Epic Games had failed to



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provide evidence that Apple has a monopoly on the mobile gaming market through the App Store, ruling against nine out of 10 of Epic Games' antitrust claims. Rogers insisted that Epic Games and its apps participate in a "digital mobile gaming transactions" market, which includes Google's Android app platform Google Play. She also sided with Apple by keeping constant the company's right to block stores from listing their own apps on the App Store.

While this may sound like a resounding win for Apple, Rogers' complete verdict paints a picture of an Epic Games failure rather than an Apple victory. She states that this particular ruling found that Apple is not a monopolist only because Epic Games failed to demonstrate that, which leaves plenty of opportunities for antitrust claims against Apple in the future. She even expressed some frustration with Epic Games for failing to provide evidence to support claims she seemed prepared to entertain.

Rogers also found that Apple has no justification for its 30 percent revenue cut for all in-app purchases, and that this cut has allowed Apple to reap supracompetitive profits, or larger profits than expected in a competitive market. By declaring that Apple has market power, the company is now a target for more antitrust scrutiny and future lawsuits, and the prosecutors will have learned from Epic Games' mistakes.

Apple's one definite loss in the case is Rogers' decision to allow developers to promote to their customers their own purchasing methods on their apps. Even though Apple can legally keep its 30 percent fee, it may have to lower it to prevent third-party developers from bypassing it entirely.

However, the story does not end here as Epic Games has filed a notice Sunday, Sept.12 to appeal Rogers' decision in the lawsuit.

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Lancaster-Lebanon symposium to be held at the College

becoming more intense [and] dumping more water in a shorter amount of time," Bowne said, which is supported by the flooding in Pennsylvania that occurred after Tropical Depression Ida hit Sept. 1.

Other students agreed with Bowne's emphasis on watershed protection and preservation of water quality in relation to the environment.

"As a student with a science major, the intersection of chemistry and biology gives me a lot of background on the issue of watershed protection and water quality. I see them as important to the health of the environment as a whole," senior Lucas Stehle said.

In an interview Bowne noted that the College lost faculty expertise in aquatic ecology and watershed restoration after Dr. Thomas Murray passed away Nov. 19 of 2020. As such, the forum provides students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge on watershed protection and network with professionals in the field.

"I personally hope to learn more about the many...efforts by diverse groups working to protect watersheds and water quality in Lancaster County and Lebanon County," Bowne said.

The College has invited researchers, scientists and educators with interests in aiding advancements in watershed restoration and protection to submit proposals, which they will present on Nov. 19. Proposals should be submitted online by Oct. 4 using this form: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RY30fNs9iUOpwcEVUm61LofwYmL5KQNBg7expkr-VxpUM1lTWUxCS0ZLTTFTNjBTWjVTRDQ0RkNaTy4u.

Local partners conducting research and working to improve watersheds in the area are also invited to attend the event, as well as share their research with their peers. Students are encouraged to attend to expand their knowledge on watershed restoration and protection.

Pennsylvania Politics

This monthly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

As soon as long-time U.S. Senator Pat Toomey announced his decision not to run for reelection in 2022, the race to become Pennsylvania's newest senator was on. Senate hopefuls from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia with political pedigrees covering the far-right to the radical left have thrown their weight into a campaign of name recognition statewide. This crucial senatorial race, which has implications for control of the U.S. Senate, will almost certainly become nationalized. We are already seeing partisan divisions at the national level bleeding into our state election.

Amid the plethora of Democratic candidates, two contenders have statewide name recognition. U.S. Senate candidates Lt. Governor John Fetterman and Congressman Conor Lamb are both from the greater Pittsburgh area. Fetterman is more progressive and has grass roots support mostly from small donations of less than $200, totaling $6.4 million. Lamb is more moderate with over $1 million since declaring his candidacy at the beginning of August but only 10 percent from small donations of less than $200. As the race continues more candidates on the left are likely to climb in the polls.

State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta is a rising progressive candidate from the Philadelphia area with over $500,000 in donations from donors averaging $29 each. The tug of war between the leading Democratic candidates

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for the heart and soul of the Democratic Party in one of the most hotly contested swing states is one the entire nation will be watching heading into 2022.

Republicans seem to be a little more unified in their ideology than the Democrats. Former 4th Congressional District candidate and Fox News Commentator Kathy Barnette of Philadelphia is the current Republican U.S. Senate frontrunner according to the latest August poll by Franklin & Marshall College. Barnette is attempting to become Pennsylvania's first Black woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

Additionally, former 17th Congressional District candidate Sean Parnell from the Pittsburgh area is running for U.S. Senate after losing to Lamb in 2020. Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate share an unyielding support of Trump, populism and a disdain for the establishment Republican Party. Even though all of the leading Republican candidates have tried and failed against Democratic contenders in the past, they are trying again and this time they haven't shied away from embracing the controversial former president in their campaign rhetoric.

Barnette lost the 2020 election for Pa.'s 4th Congressional District in suburban Philadelphia, yet she has been able to make a name for herself following the election by leaning into claims of election fraud, appearing as a guest commentator on Fox News and by painting herself as a voice for Black conservatives. On the other hand, Parnell ran against Lamb in 2020, but after being defeated claimed election fraud and refused to concede. He joined a lawsuit to throw out 2.5 million votes he claimed were "illegally cast" and openly brags about being on the far-right wing conspiracy website Parler on his Facebook page.

Looking at both sides of the aisle, it is clear to see that national politics is playing out at the state level. Infighting between progressives and moderates plagues the Democratic Party while Trump-loving election fraud populists attempt to buck what they perceive as an elitist establishment within the Republican Party. Only time will tell how one of the most important midterm elections in the country will play out in 2022, but it's safe to say that both sides need to use the primary season to sort out what their identity is going into the next election.

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The Lancaster-Lebanon Watershed Forum and Science Symposium will revolve around water quality and watershed protection.

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"Best in the Northeast" list

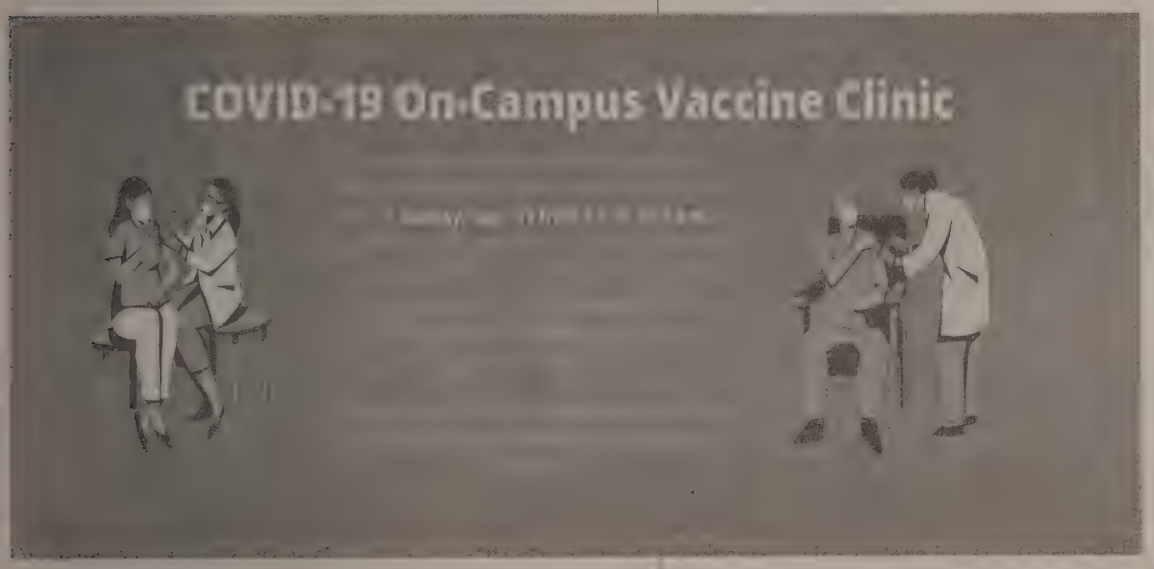
"We chose Elizabethtown College and the other outstanding institutions on this list primarily for their academics," Princeton Review's Editor-in-Chief Robert Franek said.

This is reflected in the College's profile on the Princeton Review's website, which is filled with student quotes about academics, the student body and campus life.

"[The professors] really take an interest not just in your school work, but are eager to know about your personal life and are willing to do anything to help you succeed," one anonymous student said.

Students also pointed out the safety and intimacy of the campus as well as the noteworthy cities and attractions surrounding Etown.

You can read more about the College's profile on the Princeton Review here.



Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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December 2020 in St. Petersburg, Russia a museum opened in honor of poet Joseph Brodsky. Ever since the grand opening, the museum has been working on adding to the collection. Earlier in the summer, they brought in the desk Brodsky used in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brodsky spent most of his life in the communal home in St. Petersburg, inspiring many of his essays and poems. Russia values showcasing places of significance for various influential people of their society, which led to the intention to open the museum.

The idea first came about when Brodsky died in 1996. However, other residents lived in the apartment building, which prevented Brodsky's home from becoming a museum sooner. The communal apartment had separate rooms, but shared common spaces including the kitchen and bathroom. Therefore, the museum would need to be placed on hold until all of the residents relocated to respect their privacy and avoid having visitors walking through the kitchen as they try to cook.

To honor Brodsky's legacy, a few of his close friends Mikhail Milchik and Yakov Gordin started the preparation of taking over the apartment complex. They bought out many rooms over the course of the years. The residents of those rooms took the sum offered and relocated. One resident, Nina Fyodorova, refused to leave her home and would not trade it in for any amount of money.

On Brodsky's 75th birthday, Fyodorova allowed the apartment to be an open-house, drawing in a large crowd with the line wrapping around the block.

To appease the public Brodsky's friends tried setting up a webcam in his old room. It had some success, but the people wanted to actually go in and see the room as a museum.

Fyodorova lived in the apartment for all 80 years of her life and couldn't part with it. Finally in 2017 an adjacent apartment opened connected to the previous complex. Fyodorova moved to the other side of the wall and the museum was finally able to begin the process of finalizing.

Gordin kept many papers, books and furniture of Brodsky's when Brodsky moved to Brooklyn. After holding on to the items for many years, he donated the belongings to library archives or other museums in 1990.

The museum opened in December, containing a minimum amount of items to display such as books, photographs and small pieces of furniture. Tickets were sold rapidly and a lot of people had to wait weeks before they could even get a ticket.

Fortunately other museums lent the private St. Petersburg artifacts for temporary displays. In June, the museum received Brodsky's desk that was used in Brooklyn as one of the temporary displays. The staff members assembled the desk and quickly added it to the showcase.

Fyodorova lives peacefully on her side of the wall enjoying her private life and not having to worry about visitors walking through her kitchen for the museum. If the lights were to flicker or suddenly turn off in the museum most likely Fyodorova would be responsible as she has the control panel on her side of the wall.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Sept. 9 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with the Oath of Office for the newly elected class representative for the Class of 2023. With this step taken, Student Senate is now full.

After the oath, the meeting had only two administrative reports. The reports were cut back from the normal number, since the agenda was anticipated to be a time-consuming one.

Dean of Students & Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez gave her normal report for Student Life, as well as the report for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging. Gonzalez spoke on the importance of the Jay's App for communicating events to the whole campus, as well as upcoming events for Hispanic Heritage Month.

The other administrative report was given for the Office of Student Activities. Rina Carpenter announced the activities hosted by OSA for the upcoming weekend. They also spoke about club registration, stating that clubs are starting to officially be approved and club locker keys have begun being returned.

With minimal executive cabinet reports aside from a few internal announcements, the meeting then moved into the bulk of the agenda - committee elections.

Student Senate held 11 elections for various internal committees, mainly for the Class of 2025 since the other classes held their elections in the spring. Internal committees are composed only of student senators and include topics like traditions, finance and legislation.

Senate then held 13 elections for external committees. These committees are formed by the College, but include student representation that senators fill. This includes committees like Academic Council, Religious Life Committee and Parking Appeals.

The meeting concluded after committee elections.

Student Senate meets weekly Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to anyone in the College community.

Sophomore Class President Maddi Holmberg informed senators of the details for Formal Jay. The dance will be held Friday, Sept. 24 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Koon's Activity Venue (KAV). Tickets are six dollars and will be sold from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Baugher Student Center (BSC) Concourse in the weekdays leading up to the event.

Senior Class President Nicole Greiner reminded senators to buy shirts for the Marshmallow Game. The men's soccer game will be held Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. at Messiah University. Shirts promoting the event are 15 dollars and will be sold during lunch and dinner hours in the BSC Concourse leading up to the event.

Jessica Freels is the Class of 2022 President.

Students celebrate identity at Unity Rally

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On Sept. 10, students gathered outside the Brossman Commons to participate in the Unity Rally, run by the Elizabethtown College Office of Diversity, Equity & Belonging. The Unity Rally was created to celebrate the identities of Etown students and what makes each of us unique.

Sitting around the outside borders of the event were tables set up by some of the clubs belonging to the Intercultural Board.

Some of these include, but aren't limited to, the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), the Japanese and Spanish clubs and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Some tables brought free merchandise, and almost all included sign up sheets to join the clubs.

The Japanese club just came back together after COVID-19 and are ready to get started again sharing and discussing Japanese culture through planned events.

The GSA had fun pride stickers that students could take.

Women in STEM attended, too, and discussed their mentorship program and their goal to make a community of support and motivation.

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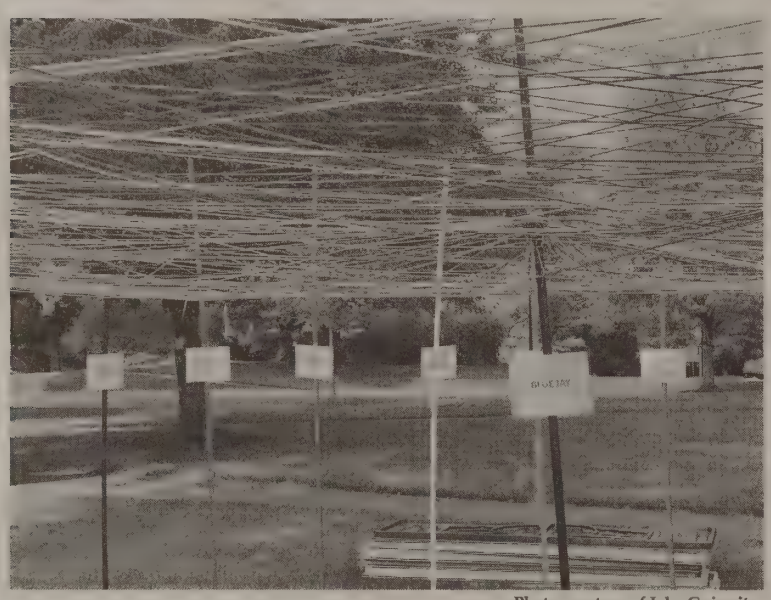

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Unity Rally art project. Students wrapped colored string around different poles representing different parts of their identity to create a vast crisscrossing pattern representing diversity. Each string looped back to the "Blue Jay" pole in the center to show the unity of the student body.

NAACP stated that their goal was to have social justice in the community and spoke about how it was important to have a voice.

However, the largest part of the event was the collection of rainbow poles in the middle. Each one featured a different statement that students could identify with, ranging from topics on race, politics, gender/sexuality, leisure and place of origin. Students were instructed to take a ball of yarn and wrap it around the poles that they identify with, starting with the pole in the middle that said, "I am a Blue Jay." The idea was to end up with many colors of yarn going in different directions, creating a beautiful colorful image from looking above the poles.

When asked about the goal of the event Executive Director for Diversity, Equity & Belonging Nichole Gonzalez said, "The goal of the event is to highlight that we all have different identities and to celebrate that and to draw awareness and attention to it."

At their departure from the event, students were given a series of reflection questions about identity and belonging.

"The goal is that we are a unified community, and the reflection questions really try to draw out why people might not feel like they belong, or might be hesitant to own an identity or something like that within the community," Gonzalez said.

A week after the rally, another event will be held to discuss its outcomes and the reflection questions.

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National Suicide Prevention Week

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Elizabethtown College's Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) advocated for suicide prevention and mental health awareness on Wednesday, Sept. 8.

This event was inspired by the annual National Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 5-11) and the difficulties associated with adjusting back into college life. SWAG members set up a table in the Baugher Student Center and encouraged others to learn about mental health advocacy. The event was beneficial with helping to spread information about emotional wellness and suicide prevention.

In the United States, 1 in 4 adults have a diagnosed mental health condition; though an already alarming statistic, it does not include those who would fall under a diagnosis if they sought help.

This event was meant to encourage individuals to advocate for themselves and others regarding emotional wellness. SWAG described the necessity of students keeping their mental health a priority, especially while at school.

Photo courtesy of Matthew Price

Elizabethtown College students learn about the vital subject of suicide prevention during National Suicide Prevention Week.

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SWAG promotes suicide prevention

The event had t-shirts, stickers, inspirational notes from Etown students and a raffle to assist in their attempt to create a safe and supportive environment.

The table also listed the on-campus mental health resources available if students need help: Counseling Services, Chaplain's office, peer mentors (PMs), resident assistants (RAs), SWAG and the Campus Wellness Network.

The event aimed to teach others how to be a support system for others. SWAG shared the necessity of having a welcoming campus to face the negative stigma associated with mental illness. Through this, they hope that individuals seek help if needed. "There is help out there and there is no shame in reaching out, getting that care and talking to someone," Assistant Director of Health Promotion Joni Eisenhauer said.

Eisenhauer also believed that the event was successful overall. "We had close to 100 students stop by, so we were really excited with that turn out," she said.

As an advocate for students at Etown, she wants them to know how valued they are at school.

"We hope that students do not feel alone and that they know they're on a supportive campus," she stated. "Also, if they are feeling like they or a friend need help, they know what the steps are to get help."

SWAG team member Riley Moore, who helped run the event, contributed to advocating for students' emotional wellness. She aimed to inspire others to feel comfortable seeking help if necessary. "I hope that they learn that it's okay to talk about mental health and that they get new information about suicide prevention," she said.

Moore was joined by Sarah Kleb at the table, who also spoke to the well-being of others. Kleb specifically chose to work at Student Wellness to fight the discrimination faced by those with mental illness. "I feel like there is a big stigma with mental health, so being open and able to talk about it is a big deal, especially on a college campus and with COVID," she explained. "It's really important to me for people to know that it's okay to talk about it."

SWAG wants others to feel confident in noticing changes in someone and how to be supportive to the person facing these difficulties. They encourage others to start a conversation with the individual to get more information about the situation at hand. Through this interaction, the person will see that someone does care about them, hopefully helping their mindset about their current state.

If any person, whether it affects the individual or another, needs help, please reach out to the resources on campus. Etown aims to help their students in any situation and they want them to utilize these resources that are available.

The conversations of Etown StoryCorps

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"Why did you join the military?"

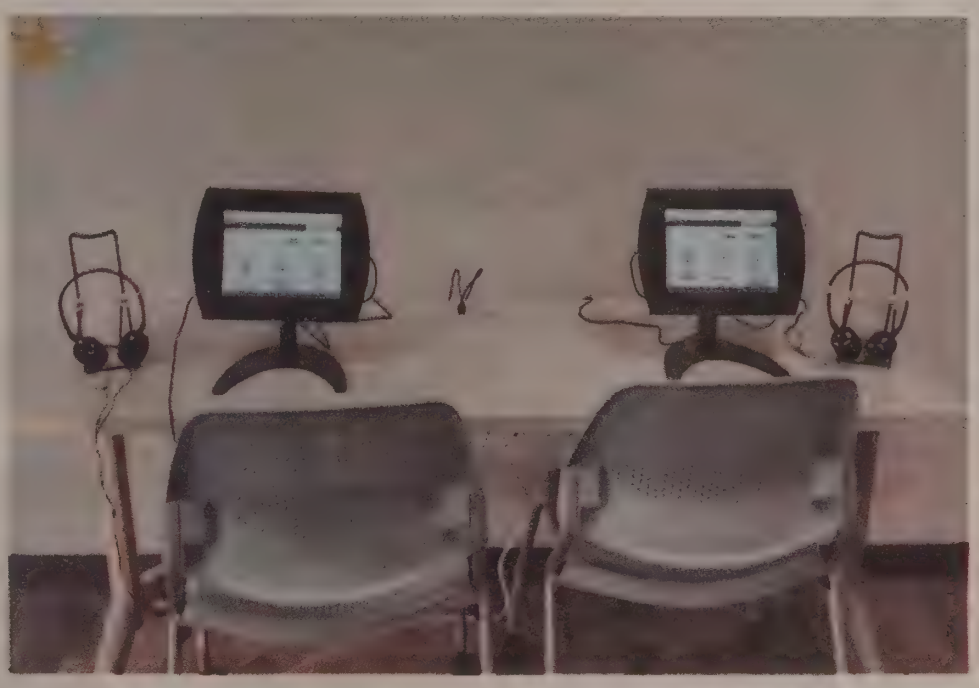
"There was nothing else to do at the time."

"What was it like in Korea?"

"There are things I'd rather do."

That was Lorelei Moser and her great grandfather discussing his service in the Korean War—just one of dozens of interviews in Etown StoryCorps, a new exhibit in the Elizabethtown College High Library's Innovation, Design, Expression and Art (IDEA) Lab.

From 7:40 a.m. to 7 p.m. now until Oct. 11, students can come to the IDEA lab to listen to interviews between fellow Etown students and their family, friends and mentors. They can also hear these talks online at https://etownhighlibrary.github.io/etownstorycorps/browse.html.



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Station in the High Library's IDEA Lab where students at Elizabethtown College can listen to the StoryCorps exhibit.

Etown StoryCorps
Your Story Matters!
Check out the interviews that Professor
Suzy Biever-Grodzinski's EN 100 students
submitted to StoryCorps in Fall 2020
Then use the StoryCorps prompts and the
brary's One Button Studio (Room 219) to
pture your thoughts, memories, insights,
nd experiences in your own interviews!

Photo courtesy of Madeline Kauffman

Placard at the StoryCorps exhibit in the College's High Library, which features interviews between students and their loved ones.

The project is the brainchild of Etown professor Suzanne Biever-Grodzinski and all interviews in the audio exhibit were completed by students in her first-year writing classes.

Biever-Grodzinski explained her inspiration for the original assignment.

"I listen to NPR when I drive like a true academic," she joked, pumping a fist in the air.

Through NPR, she discovered the StoryCorps format in which people are encouraged to interview their loved ones and these discussions are placed in the Library of Congress catalogue for posterity.

"I heard the interview they did with the founder of StoryCorps and just thought it would be really cool to factor that into a first-year writing course and have students contribute to something," she said.

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Etown Unity Rally celebrates identity

The announcement for that event will come out within the next few days.

"It'll be super brief, 10 or 15 minutes, and then we'll actually take this down, and people can take yarn with them if they want to have something," Gonzalez said, referring to the reflection.

One of the larger goals of the Unity Rally was to combat the typical ideologies of other unity events. "I think a lot of times when people think unity, we do that and we try to gloss over all the things that make us different, so that we can focus on us being together," Gonzalez said. She wanted this event to highlight the students' individuality, not ignore it.

"The goal is to make sure people understand that in order to have unity, we need to understand and acknowledge different identities," she said.

When asked if there would be more events like this one, Gonzalez stated that there were a lot of plans within the Office of Diversity, Equity & Belonging, as well as the Student Life Division, Office of Student Activities, etc.

With plans to include academics as well, "It's really a theme for us for this year, so I definitely would expect for us to see more," she said.

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Biever-Grodzinski class interviews

After Biever-Grodzinski had her students complete their own StoryCorpsww-style interviews, her colleague Dr. Matt Skillen recommended she have these discussions preserved in Etown's Hess Archives. Director of the High Library Sarah Penniman then suggested displaying the interviews in an audio exhibit in the IDEA Lab.

"We in the library are always looking for work by students that we can promote in the IDEA Lab," Penniman explained.

"Many of the students interviewed a family member. A couple chose teachers, pastors, friends. Their questions spanned the course of their relationship with the other person and how each person brings meaning into the other's life. They were very touching, and I highly recommend listening," Penniman said.

Biever-Grodzinski appreciated how the assignment acted as a natural segue for her students to connect with their loved ones in a new way.

"I had students who said they were skeptical at the beginning, then by the end they were so glad they did it because they had conversations with loved ones that they never thought they'd get to have," she said.

In one case, the assignment allowed such a conversation to happen before it was too late.

Biever-Grodzinski recalled, "I had one student who interviewed a grandmother and then his grandmother unfortunately passed and then the family used the interview as a means to celebrate her life and reconnect with her after she passed."

In addition to generating a new family artifact, StoryCorp interviews can be used as an icebreaker.

Biever-Grodzinski reported, "This semester there are a number of students who are using it as an opportunity to interview their roommates and get to know who they are going to be living with throughout the rest of the school year."

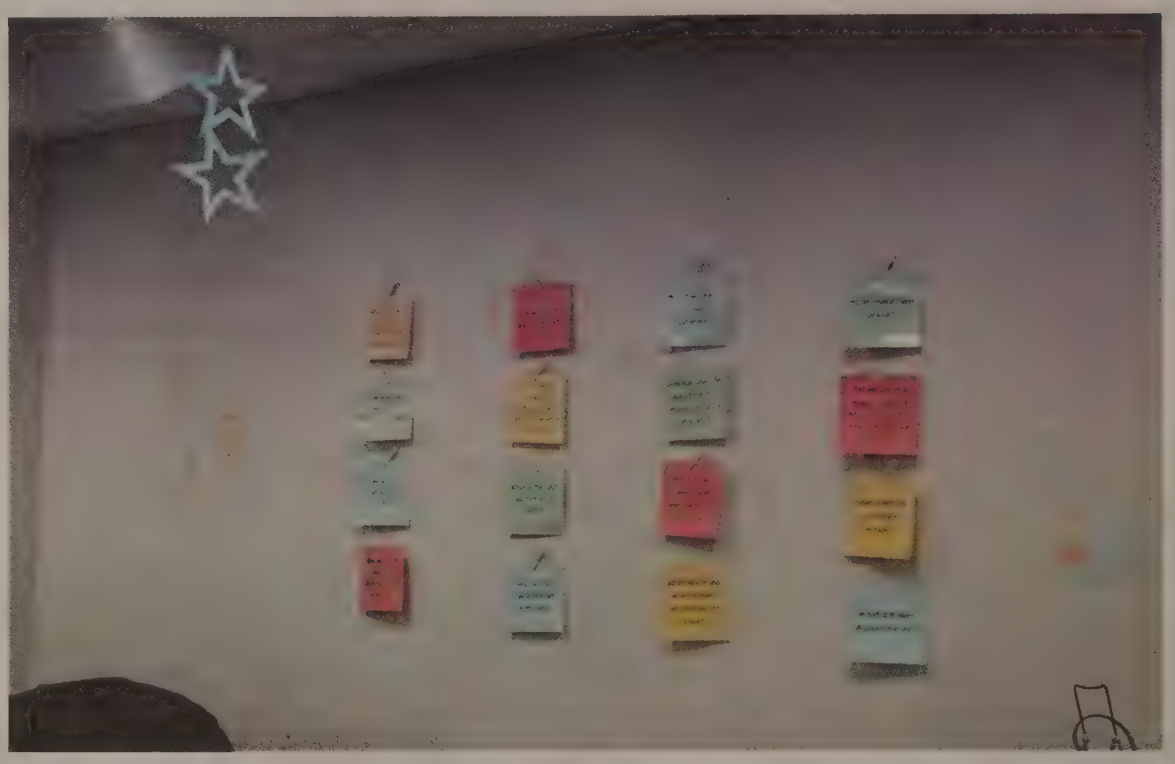
One pair of long-time friends used their interview as a chance to reminisce. Danielle Polizzi's interview with her childhood buddy recalls "magical Italian words" they invented in fourth grade.

Like everything else, COVID-19 shook up the StoryCorp assignment.

Biever-Grodzinski said, "Students had to get creative during the pandemic," and make use of technology to conduct their interviews.

A few students interviewed relatives who were frontline workers during the pandemic. Jesse Piergallini began her interview with her mother, a doctor, by asking her what made her want to go into her line of work. Apparently, during a nursing class she watched a video on changing bedpans and figured she couldn't do that, so she may as well be a doctor.

This and hundreds of other sparks of real life make the StoryCorp exhibit worth checking out.



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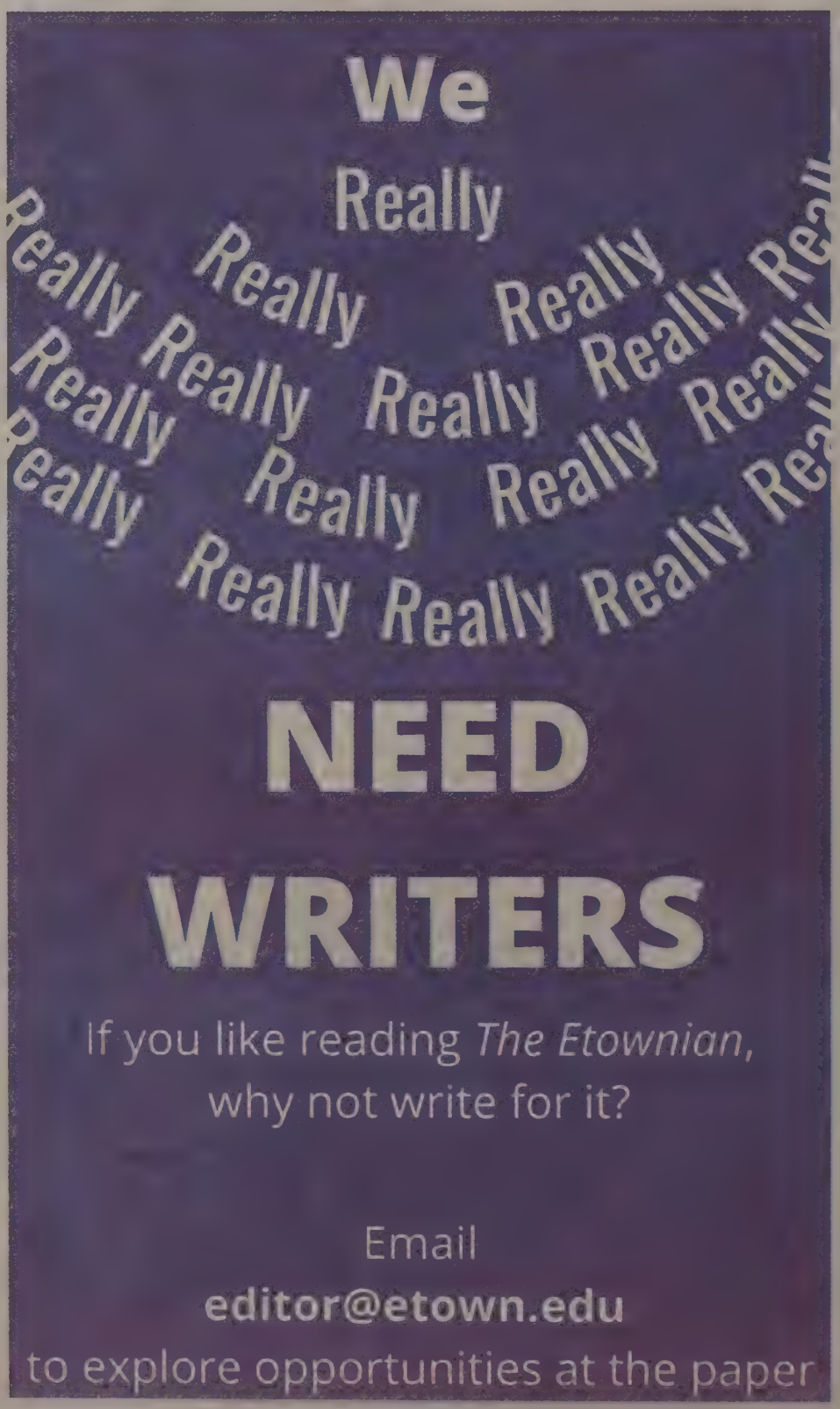
Common personal interview questions displayed as a part of the Elizabethtown College StoryCorp exhibit located in the IDEA Lab.

"We in the library are always looking for work by students that we can promote in the IDEA Lab."
~Sarah Penniman



Horoscopes: What do the stars have in store for you this week?

Aries ♈

Security and stability are a large part of your life right now. If you feel as though you've found that, don't be afraid to take some risks and say yes to good opportunities. If you haven't found that yet, make sure to surround yourself with a core group of people who make you feel safe, even when your environment feels unsettled.

Taurus ♉

You may have a lot on your plate right now and while determination in your goals is important, it's equally as important to know how much you can take. Think about cutting something out that isn't serving you anymore or try delegating that thing to someone else.

Gemini ♊

It seems as though something that's been burdening you is about to be lifted soon. This may happen naturally, or you may need to step up and recognize that this task or responsibility is too heavy at this point in your life.

Cancer ♋

Be confident in the fact that you've honed your skills and have the knowledge required to fulfill the next level of responsibilities. Your sincere efforts will be rewarded in various aspects of your life.

Leo ♌

You may be feeling overwhelmed right now, so that's even more reason to prioritize your mental and physical health. Make sure that as you complete energy-sucking activities or assignments, also include energy-giving endeavors into your routine.

Virgo ♍

Your practical nature will be an asset to you this coming week as school and work become more complicated. Trust your internal organizational system when it comes to taking on more responsibilities and important tasks.

Libra ♎

When confronting a situation that requires diplomacy or cleverness to succeed, make sure you have all the information possible, so the plan doesn't backfire. Jumping into a new project or relationship too quickly or without all the facts may be too risky for you at this time.

Scorpio ♏

This is your sign that you are on the right path. Stay the course and keep an eye out for a confident, feminine figure that may act as an advisor, mentor or confidant.

Sagittarius ♐

Keep in mind that not everyone has your best interests at heart. Compassion is certainly a first step, though you have to recognize (or take your friends' advice) when a particular person shouldn't have access to you anymore.

Capricorn ♑

Right now, you may feel stagnant or stuck in a routine you have, whether that be in a relationship, school or work. It's important to shake up whatever aspect of your life is feeling repetitive. Add in some new experiences or methods and see what works and fits with your life.

Aquarius ♒

Make sure your ego doesn't get in the way of accepting new opportunities in terms of relationships or job offers. Try not to make issues a bigger deal than they are and look at situations objectively.

Pisces ♓

Put the passion you feel about a certain issue into action in order to get the most out of an experience or relationship. Thinking about something is a good first step, but "doing" is what will really make an impact.

Fall Festivities: Field of Screams

The scary, haunted attraction is now open for the fall

by Elizabeth Cunningham
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The horror attraction Field of Screams is now open for the fall season!

From now until Nov. 12, people can enjoy four attractions as well as three escape rooms and terrifying carnival games. All of their attractions have been amped up for new scares and extra layers of fear. This year, Field of Screams is proud to have Haunted Hayride, Den of Darkness, Frightmare Asylum and the Nocturnal Wasteland.

The Haunted Hayride will pull you through a 20-minute ride through a thick cornfield and into a slaughter house where a den of butchers are ready to make you their next meal. Your ride isn't over though, as you then stumble upon a secret lab full of mutants. The mad scientists will set their new experiments on you. You'll run into a country home that loves to mix moonshine with guns. Try to escape the fire and make it safely back to your car.

The Den of Darkness calls home to one of the original barns on site. The barn has been transformed from a farmhouse into a hotel and a mansion, each iteration having their own tragic and mysterious histories. You'll have to traverse dark and narrow passages to make your way out of the barn. Don't worry about the ghosts, though. They're only there to keep you in and follow them to your own demise.

Frightmare Asylum houses the most severe cases in the country. Unfortunately, the hospital closed down a hundred years ago. The patients, doctors and nurses are the only ones who will call this building home. Walk through to see the horrific practices of the past and present. They always love to have new experiments come through.

If these attractions weren't enough for you, the Nocturnal Wasteland forces you to walk through an abandoned forest full of monsters and scenes. The monsters will track you down until you're sure to never return. In one section you will get a bird's eye view of the forest below and see other victims meet their fate.

Wanna take a break from the scares? Field of Screams has three five-minute escape rooms that have their own levels of intensity. In one, one of your group is locked in a cage and you have to free them before you can break out. Another forces the group to split up into jail cells and work together to free each other. In the last one, try to steal the priceless artwork and create a fortune. There's also a bunch of horror-themed carnival games to pass the time away.

If you want more intense scares, Field of Screams is hosting an extreme blackout event on Nov. 12. All four attractions will be darker, scarier and more hands-on as they bring out all the tricks to heighten your experience. Also, Field of Screams will be open for Christmas (Dec. 11), Valentine's Day (Feb. 12) in May for Halfway to Halloween (May 14) and Friday the 13th (May 13).

Field of Screams asks guests to pay for tickets online as they often sell out. You do have to pick a time slot to allow more guests to attend. They also encourage you to carpool to help with parking. On their website, they give you a list of dates they expect to be the busiest. Each attraction will cost $16 during the season. However, if you want to do more than one attraction, it's $30 for two, $33 for three and $35 for a Scream Pass, which gives you access to all four attractions. The prices for the Scream Pass do increase depending on when you want to go. I suggest going early for the cheapest option. Also, if you're looking to save money, go to McDonald's just off campus as they have coupons for Field of Screams.

Check out Field of Screams just 30 minutes from campus for the night of your life!

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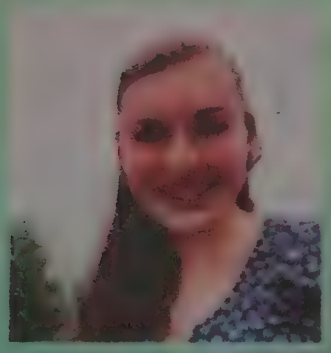

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CLASS: 2024
POSITION: COPY EDITOR
WHY YOU JOINED: TO HELP BENEFIT ME IN MY FUTURE
WHAT I LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF CLASS: I LOVE TO TAKE WALKS!
FUN FACT: I THROW POTTERY!

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CLASS: 2023 AND 2025
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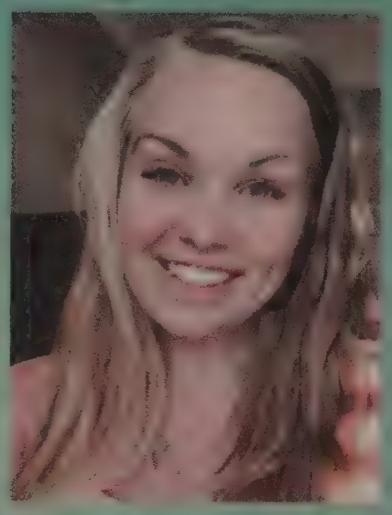
WHAT I LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF CLASS: I LOVE TO BE OUTSIDE AND WITH ANIMALS
FUN FACT: I HAVE A HORSE NAMED DOMINO!



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WHY YOU JOINED: I LOVE WRITING
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CLASS: 2024
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WHY YOU JOINED:
WHAT I LOVE TO DO OUTSIDE OF CLASS: I ENJOY PRACTICING YOGA, ESPECIALLY YOGA WITH ADRIENE ON YOUTUBE
FUN FACT: I HAVE TWO SUPER CUTE CATS NAMED BB AND WINNIE

ABIGAIL SHOLES (SHE/HER)

MAJOR: HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES EDCUATION
CLASS: 2024
POSITION: COPY EDITOR AND WRITER
WHY YOU JOINED: I CHOSE TO JOIN THE ETOWNIAN BECAUSE I LIKE TO WRITE, BUT HAVEN'T ALWAYS LOVED SHARING MY WRITING WITH OTHER PEOPLE. I'M HOPING TO PUSH MYSELF OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE A LITTLE BIT THIS SEMESTER BY WRITING FOR AN AUDIENCE AND TRYING TO BETTER MY SKILLS AS A WRITER.
WHAT I LOVE TO DO OUTSIDE OF CLASS: I GENERALLY JUST LIKE TO BE CREATIVE. SO I'M CONSTANTLY TRYING NEW CRAFT PROJECTS OR DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES WHEN I'M NOT IN CLASS.
FUN FACT: FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF, I HAD A HOLLOW BONE IN MY FINGER

Welcome to the jungle

Three new goldfish now call Etown home

by Abigail Sholes
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Sometimes, being a goldfish can be tough. Growing up in the fair was even tougher, and life could get pretty crazy.

We were constantly moving around, and even though it was fun to see new sights and people all the time, we really wanted a home to call our own. Some people say goldfish won at fairs don't last very long (which really hurts our feelings), but not our owners! Olivia Steidle and Bella Kurpis won us at the Elizabethtown Fair a few weeks ago, fed us, gave us a home and named us. We're Fergie, Cardi B and Nicki Minaj, and we've been having a blast in our new home at Elizabethtown College!

Life with our new owners has been going swimmingly so far. The tank we share is definitely a step up from our old home at the fair. We have rocks, seashells and even a hammock!

One of our favorite things to do is hang out on or hide under our hammock. We've heard humans feel the same way about their giant hammocks too!

But something humans don't seem to like are rocks. Even though we get fed plenty, there's nothing tastier than a good rock after dinner! The only problem is we can't seem to chew them very well, so we have to spit them out. We even turn it into a competition: who can spit their rocks the furthest? That's one of our favorite games, but we can get pretty loud if we aren't careful. We try our best to behave, but we can't always get along—we're siblings, after all!

Fergie is the largest of us and can be a bit of a bully when she's hungry. We stick together though, and are best friends most of the time. It's only been a few weeks since we started living in the tank together, but we have adjusted well and keep each other company when our owners are in class. While they're busy learning, we play our rock-spitting game or hide-and-seek since we have so much room and so many neat decorations in our tank.

Our owners haven't had us for too long, but they definitely love us and have a lot of patience! Sometimes we don't always notice when they feed us until the food starts to sink to the bottom of the tank. We try to remember not to be too loud when we spit rocks because we know our owners are studying hard, but we don't always remember.

Through it all, our owners have believed in us. They even taped inspirational quotes to the tank, so we always remember to do our best! We really want to live up to our namesakes and make our owners proud. They hope we'll become "strong, independent fish" someday. We may have started off as lonely fish from the fair, but now we're in the big leagues at college! With our owners' help, we're confident we can achieve our goals and become happy, successful goldfish. Maybe we can even be famous, like the humans we were named after! One thing's for certain, we're happy as clams at Etown!

Photo courtesy of Bella Kurpis and Olivia Steidle
Fergi, Cardi B, and Nicki Minaj hanging out by the beach.

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Movie Review: Shang-Chi and The Legend of the Ten Rings

Marvel's latest movie featuring breakout star Simu Lu, the first Asian superhero in the Marvel Cinematic Universe

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Since its release on Sept. 3rd, Twitter, Instagram and other social media sites have not stopped talking about Marvel Studios' new movie, "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings."

It is the 25th movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and the first Marvel movie since 2019's "Captain Marvel" to feature a new character at the center of the plot.

Shang-Chi, played by breakout star Simu Lu, is the first Asian superhero in the MCU to be the titular character of his own movie. Fans have been calling for diverse representation in the movies for a while and it seems like Marvel is trying to deliver. They still have a long way to go, but "Shang-Chi" is a start.

After seeing my Twitter feed to do nothing but praise the movie, and as an avid MCU fan, I was anxious to see it. I was worried that it was too overhyped and that I would be disappointed, but I am pleased to say that it was not the case and that "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" deserves every single round of applause it has been getting. Currently, the film is sitting at a 92% critic rating and a 98% audience rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

My only complaint with the film is a small one that can easily be overlooked. There are way too many slow-motion scenes. After the fourth or fifth time the action sequence slowed, it started to get slightly annoying.

When used sparingly, slow-motion sequences can help elevate the tension of certain moments, but "Shang-Chi" used them too much for them to have any impact. The only one that heightened my emotions was during the final fight scene. Any other time, I was rolling my eyes.

That one grievance is quickly overlooked when I examine what "Shang-Chi" did right. The characters are well-rounded, and I found myself caring about them quickly, especially Katie, played by Awkwafina, who is Shang-Chi's best friend. She had me howling in the movie theater.

Katie encompasses what every college student feels all the time: the worry that what you are doing is wrong and wondering where your life is meant to go. She was funny and relatable, and I cannot wait to see where her storyline will take her.

Obviously, the strongest and best-written character in the movie is Shang-Chi himself. Lu's performance was amazing, and Marvel Studios will definitely benefit from having him on their roster. Despite Shang-Chi being a physically strong character, he is still vulnerable around his friends and family. He is a well-developed male character who is allowed to show emotion regarding his family, and we see him go on this complex journey to understanding his emotions about his father. It was a wonderful thing to see represented on screen.

One of the highlights of the film is definitely the CGI work. "Shang-Chi" is such a visually appealing film to watch. They definitely drew inspiration from Asian culture and landscaping, and the result is spectacular. The magic used was a breathtaking array of bright colors that took the fight sequences to a whole new level. I would not be surprised to see screenshots from the film on Tumblr girl's aesthetic accounts.

My favorite scenes of the movie were the fight scenes (at least when they were not in slow-motion). Compared to other Marvel movies, these were like dances rather than fights. They were so artistically choreographed, and I found myself fascinated by them. Each character has a distinct style of fighting that was easy to pick out. It was very interesting to watch.

If you can, get out and see "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings." If you are not one of the millions of Marvel fans across the world, then you will be after seeing "Shang-Chi."

Recipes for people who can't cook

Meals you can make with limited skills and supplies

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Now that I'm living in an Independent Living Unit and meal-plan-free, I have to provide for myself like an adult. One struggle that I have is coming up with quick healthy meals I can make without burning down Brinser. I bring to you a simple and cost-effective meal idea: pizza.

Pizza is the college go-to for any Friday night. Of course, you could go to Etown's classic Brothers Pizza or Dominos which are just five minutes from campus. However, if you're on a tight budget, buying the ingredients at the supermarket will save you time and money. All you need is a pre-made crust, a jar of tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese. If you want to go classic and make the dough from scratch you have to grab a few more ingredients and take a few more steps.

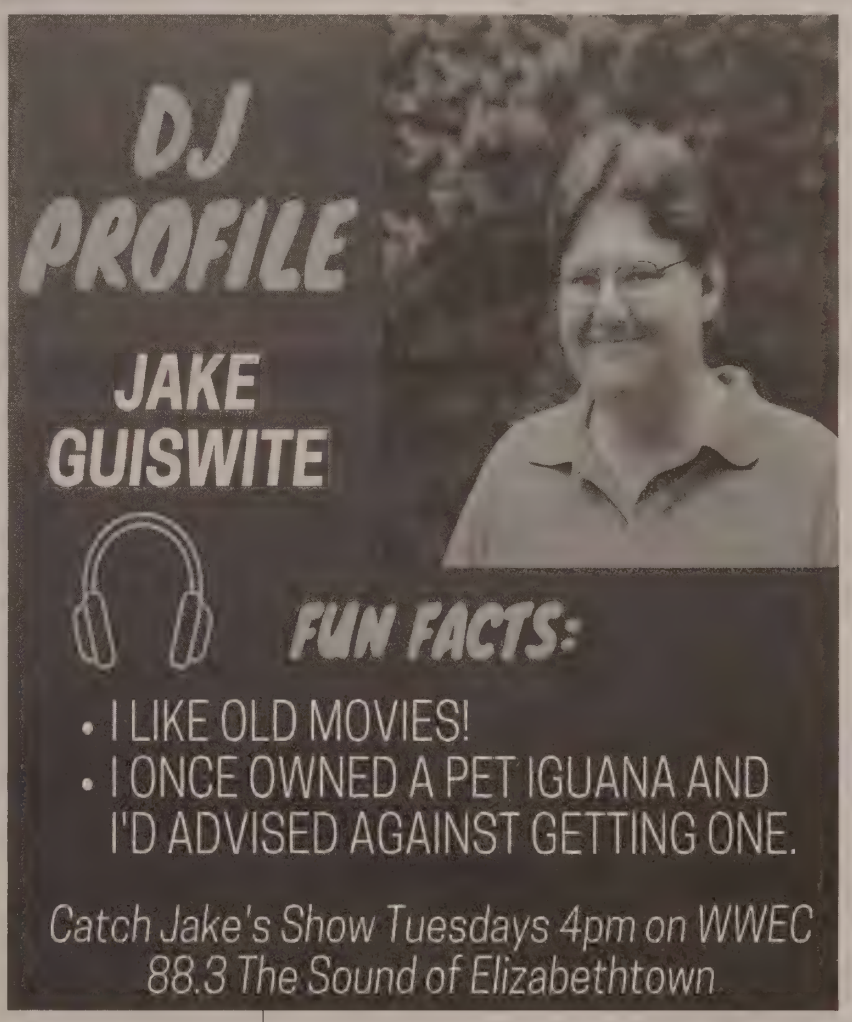
Simply follow the instructions on the packaging for the crust. Typically, you have to preheat the oven to 375°F. While it's preheating, coat a pan with non-stick spray and spread the crust on the pan. Then, spoon out the red sauce onto the crust, Leaving about an inch around the edge. You can use the back of the spoon to help spread the sauce around easily. Of course, put on as much as you want. Next sprinkle on the cheese, again, using as much as you want. I personally like to sprinkle some cheese on the crust. Pop the pizza in for a few minutes. The crust instructions should help with that. Once it's done, pull it out of the oven and let it cool. Slice it up, serve and enjoy!

Obviously, this pizza is a blank canvas. If you're looking for something greasier, add pepperoni, ham, sausage and bacon for a meat lover's pizza. Want to be a little healthier? Add peppers, onions, baby tomatoes and spinach.

Of course, you have infinite possibilities for toppings. I personally like to put some spices on the crust before I stick it in the oven. I put basil, black pepper and garlic powder around the edge.

Also, you can change up your pizza just with the ingredients. You can get a thicker crust or use cauliflower crust to get a different texture. You can sprinkle some cheese on the edge and roll the crust inward for a stuffed crust. Also, feel free to buy different sauces and shredded cheese.

Don't be afraid to try new things and experiment with new flavors. If worse comes to worst, use Google to come up with new ideas and recipes.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Meet the returning staff including those in new positions

News Editor

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Majonor: Engineering
Positi: held this position: Since Fall 2021
Why I first joined the staff: I love to write, and I wanted to stay up-to-date with everything involving Etown.
Favorite part about working for the paper: Writing articles and creating the news layout every week.
What I love to do outside of class: I love to read, listen to music, and spend time with my friends.
Fun fact: I studied abroad in spring 2020 in East Sussex, England.

Features Editor

Name & pronouns: Jake Guiswite (he/his)
Major: English Professional Writing
Position: Features Editor
How long I held this position: 4 Weeks
Why I first joined the staff: Wanted to give back
Favorite part about working for the paper: Interviewing interesting people
What I love to do outside of class: Creative writing
Fun fact: I once owned and iguana and do not recommend it.

Assistant Sports Editor

Name: Ezekiel Ciafre
Major: Public Relations & Graphic Design
Position: Assistant Sports Editor
How long I held this position: Since fall 2019
Why I first joined the staff: I wanted to learn about journalism and get involved in the communications department
Favorite part about working for the paper: Getting to write about sports
What I love to do outside of class: Take pictures and camp
Fun fact: During the fall 2020 semester I did classes remotely. For 28 days of the semester I traveled around Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Massachusetts. I lived out of my truck and camped and went on some pretty amazing hikes on the weekends

Editor-in-Chief Editor

Name & pronouns: Alyssa Marzili (she/her)
Major: Early Childhood Education
Position: Editor-in-Chief
How long I held this position: Four weeks
Why I first joined the staff: I wrote for my paper in high school and wanted to continue writing journalism in college.
Favorite part about working for the paper: I truly enjoy all of it and seeing the layout coming together.
What I love to do outside of class: Fittingly enough, I am always writing though most often creatively.
Fun fact: I was born with one streak of golden hair (extremely light compared to the rest). It can still be seen, but it isn't as evident.

Campus Life Editor

Name & pronouns: Elizabeth Cunningham
Major: English Literature
Position: Campus Life Editor
How long I held this position: This is my first year!
Why I first joined the staff: I first joined to get involved on campus and to broaden my writing skills.
Favorite part about working for the paper: I love talking to new people and getting their perspectives.
What I love to do outside of class: I love to play video games with my friends.
Fun fact: I can quote any scene from the Harry Potter series.

Sports Editor

Name & pronouns: Thomas Rebar (he/his)
Majonor: English Secondary Education
Position: Sports Editor
How long I held this position: One year
Why I first joined the staff: English is great (hence the major) and so is writing.
Favorite part about working for the paper: The laughable moments during production night, which keeps us going.
What I love to do outside of class: Music is life as a music minor
Fun fact: My favorite color is orange.

Photo Editor

Name & pronouns: Paula Groff (she/her)
Major: Accounting
Position: Photo Editor
How long I held this position: Two years
Fun fact: I'll be working at Baker Tilly as an auditor after graduation and in my free time I love hiking and kayaking!

Managing Editor

Name & pronouns: Ashlee Reick, she/her
Major: Political Science
Position: Managing Editor
How long I held this position: Fall 2021
Why I first joined the staff: I joined the staff in Spring 2020 to gain internal experience with the newspaper!
Favorite part about working for the paper: I enjoy taking the time to discuss ideas with everyone and bounce ideas off each other in brainstorm meetings.
What I love to do outside of class: I'm an avid reader! Ask me about my latest read!
Fun fact: I've had eye surgery for diplopia, also known as double vision.

A Look Back Through Elizabethtown College Athletics' Greats...

Women's Soccer Ties With Stevenson

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On Saturday, Sept. 11 at Owings Mills, Md., the Elizabethtown College women's soccer team faced off against Stevenson University.

Ninety minutes of soccer wasn't enough time to decide a winner, and even the additional 20 minutes couldn't separate Etown and Stevensonat the Mustang Stadium.

The Blue Jays outshot the Mustangs with 27 to only seven shots on goal, but the game ended in a 0-0 tie in double overtime.

First-year Ava Whisten was the most persistent of the Blue Jays, taking a game-high nine shots, which was more shots than Stevenson took as a team.

The first-year forward forced the first save of the game by Mustangs goalie, senior Keegan Caffrey in the 15th minute.

A chance for Whisten later in the first half was also denied by Caffrey.

Etown did not allow a single shot to Stevenson over the first 45 minutes.

Junior goalkeeper Trinity Soto made her first of two saves in the game early in the second half to keep it 0-0.

Caffrey had to come up big on shots from graduate student Janelle Barna and Whisten, about a minute apart.

Whisten also had the Jays' final opportunity of the second half, but Caffrey kept it out as regulation ended, still knotted at zeroes.

The Mustangs came out on the offensive to start the first overtime, outshooting Etown 5-1. Soto stopped the one shot that made it on frame in the 93rd minute.

Senior Marissa Lapinsky had a pair of chances to lift Etown to its first win of the season in the second overtime, first in the 102nd minute, and later with 29 seconds remaining.

Caffrey, as she had done all game, made the saves to deny the Blue Jays.

Etown outshot Stevenson 27-7 overall. Caffrey made 10 saves to secure the tie.

The women's soccer team remains on the road as they travel to Muhlenberg College on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Women's Volleyball Loses Against Haverford

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On Saturday, Sept. 11 at Haverford, Pa., the Elizabethtown College women's volleyball team fell in two straight sets to both Geneseo College and Eastern College on the final day of the Ford Invitational hosted by Haverford.

With the two losses, the Blue Jays new win-loss record falls to 3-3 on the season.

Geneseo took the opening match 22-25, 24-26, 21-25.

Etown senior Shelly Yohe finished with nine kills, which was the team's highest number of kills that day.

Sophomore Georgianna Kahley tallied seven kills, 14 digs, and four solo blocks.

Sophomore Katie Scaggs registered five solo blocks of her own.

Sophomore Kambrie Hepler wound up recording a team-high 28 digs and senior Rilegh Hudock handed out 17 assists.

Eastern scored the win in the second match by a final score of 22-25, 24-26, 24-26.

Hudock followed up her opening match performance with a double-double against the Eagles.

She finished the matches with 17 assists and 10 digs.

Kahley registered eight kills and 15 digs while Hepler had 18 digs.

Yohe recorded six kills to finish the day with 15.

The Blue Jays return to Thompson Gymnasium on Thursday, Sept. 16 to take on Delaware Valley University. Opening serve is set for 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer Takes Tough Loss

Saturday, Sept. 11, in Lancaster, Pa. the Elizabethtown College men's soccer team fell to Franklin & Marshall College 1-0 in the annual battle for the Smith-Herr Boot.

The annual "Battle of the Boot" began in 1977 and has been played each year since – aside from 2010 and 2020.

The Smith-Herr Bronze Boot is a soccer shoe originally worn by Al Hershey, who was a two-time All-American at Etown before later coaching the Blue Jays and F&M.

The yearly clash is named for Robert Smith, who coached F&M from 1947 to 1963, and Ira R. Herr, who coached Etown from 1938 to 1948 and 1958 to 1960.

With the loss, the Blue Jays lost the win to loss record changed to 2-1 on the season, while theF&M Diplomats remain undefeated at 3-0.

Sophomore Phillip Monos scored the only goal in the entire game for F&M.

After a scoreless first half that saw limited options, the Diplomats found the game winner in the 72nd minute.

Monos stepped up for a corner kick and hit a curling ball to the far post.

Etown's sophomore goalkeeper Kelvin Delcid rose up to make the save but the ball found its way over his hands and into the back of the net.

The Blue Jays nearly found an equalizer in the waning moments as a service found Diplomats' goalkeeper Sam Altman Farrell off his line.

Junior Dylan Hairfield headed the ball towards goal but pushed it over the bar and F&M ran the clock out for their third straight win in the rivalry.

Delcid made a season-high five saves for Etown.

Altman Farrell racked up his third consecutive shutout of the season with two saves.

Etown men's soccer returns home on Wednesday, Sept. 15 to host Alvernia University in the two teams annual Kicks for Cancer game. Opening kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

TRUE BLUE

This weekly column will feature the True Blue athletic games.

Each week will be a different sport highlighting players, coaches and fans.

The True Blue series features the most important games of the season.

Saturday, Jan. 18, the Elizabethtown College men's basketball team played their True Blue game against Susquehanna University. Despite good performances, Etown lost 84-76.

Senior Ethan DuBois led with a career-high 20 points and a total of seven assists.

Senior Bryce Greene followed with a total of 18 points and one assist.

This was a tough game for the Blue Jays, but in True Blue fashion the Etown community came out to support their flock.

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The game was overtaken in the second half by Susquehanna, but Etown fought hard and kept up with their opponents.

With 2:28 left in the game, the score was 74-73 in favor of Susquehanna.

Although they fought hard, the Blue Jays could not take the lead and Susquehanna took the game.

The final points from Etown were made by DuBois in an attempt to close the score, but at that point there was already a ten-point distance.

The team stands at an overall 8-6 and 1-3 in the Landmark Conference.

The Blue Jays will be back in action Saturday, Feb. 1 starting at 2 p.m. against the University of Scranton.

This will be a Landmark Conference game leading up to the Landmark Conference, which takes place at the end of February.

TRUEBLUE games at Elizabethtown College

Personal Health and Fitness

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Being healthy and having success in one's fitness journey can be difficult at times.

It can be especially challenging for college students who are constantly dealing with rigorous schedules from classes, internships, jobs, clubs and social lives.

However, there are countless benefits that come from a healthy lifestyle for college students.

Benefits include improved mood and feeling overall better mentally in addition to having more energy and better focus.

Being healthy and fit also helps individuals feel better physically. Living a healthy lifestyle focused on fitness most importantly helps individuals live longer and have less health problems than less active unhealthy people.

Aside from simply finding the time to exercise and focus on one's health, many college students are presented with unlimited amounts of unhealthy food and snacks from their dining halls. Proper diets with reasonable portions are a large part of a healthy life.

Keeping track of what you eat and having a balanced diet can be hard, but will pay off in the long run.

The next major part of being healthy and fit is daily exercise or physical activities.

Many individuals think this means running multiple miles or lifting heavy weights, but it does not have to be this intense.

"Our campus has a beautiful walking path that not many people know about…a lot of people think working out has to be a hard thing, but it really doesn't," Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being group fitness instructor Darcy Ott said. "I got into working out simply by taking walks with my mom."

Many different forms of exercise can be beneficial to both physical and mental health.

"I enjoy running because it's a nice way to unwind from schoolwork at the end of the day. It also helps me relieve stress because I get out and get active," sophomore Ashley Burger said.

No matter where someone may be, through healthy habits of eating right and staying active, anyone can begin their journey to a healthy and fit lifestyle.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ANNA MOSTOLLER

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Junior Anna Mostoller played two seasons of Field Hockey with Lehigh University before coming to Elizabethtown. Mostoller played in 12 games as a freshman in 2017 and played in all 18 games with 6 starts as a sophomore in 2018. Mosteller has been a starter in all 19 games she's played for the Etown Blue Jays and scored the game winning goal her first game with Etown to beat Juniata College 2-1.

Q&A

Class year:
2024
Major:
Engineering
Hometown:
Wilmington, Del.
High school:
Sanford High School
Favorite athlete/sports team:
Philadelphia Eagles
Favorite Jay's Nest item:
BLT
Favorite Movie:
"Step Brothers"
Favorite musician/band:
The Descendants
Favorite place to visit:
Delaware Beaches
Hardly anyone knows that...
I 3D design and print
Favorite Etown Memory:
Arriving at Catholic University for the Landmark Conference Championship game in Spring 2021
I started playing lacrosse at age...
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Engineering profs awarded at annual conference

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Drs. Batista and Brinton both received awards at the annual ASEE Education conference for their work in engineering education.

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Recently, two Elizabethtown College engineering professors received awards at the annual American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) conference. The conference is a yearly event dedicated to engineering educators, and it includes technical events and workshops for the attendees.

This year's conference included speakers who were in the field of engineering education at many different accredited universities, and spoke on varying aspects of engineering education. Peer-reviewed papers were also presented, providing valuable research on the topic of engineering education.

Dr. Jean Batista is the Assistant Professor of Engineering & Physics Civil Engineering at Etown. He was the recipient of the 2021 Ferdinand P. Beer and E. Russel Johnston, Jr. Outstanding New Mechanics Educator Award, recognizing his commitment to education, especially in the field of engineering mechanics education.

This prestigious award is given to up to two engineering educators with no more than five years of experience in the field each year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 ASEE conference was held virtually this year, but Dr. Batista will have the opportunity to be recognized in person at the 2022 ASEE Annual Conference, yet another reminder of the pandemic's effects on daily lives.

"The pandemic has definitely been challenging. On several occasions, it has made me reshape and even completely change some of my plans and goals. As a result, intentional flexibility plays an essential role in my lesson planning, not as a remedial measure but as an imminent need," Batista said.

He also credits his colleagues at the college.

"Their creativity and innovation paired with their passion for engineering education are unavoidably contagious," Batista said.

The award and the conference have had an impact on his outlook on education.

"My course contents and teaching methods are always evolving and being adjusted based on students' needs, so I constantly invest time in assessing what works and revising what needs to be changed. This award ratifies my commitment to continue doing so," he said.

Dr. Mark Brinton is the Assistant Professor of Engineering & Physics Electrical Engineering, Biosignals at Elizabethtown. He received a Faculty Travel Award from the Biomedical Engineering Division. This award is a grant given to no more than two engineering educators to cover the expense and travel fees of the annual ASEE conference.

Unfortunately, the conference was virtual this year, so there were no travel fees involved.

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Engineering prof's project with local high school

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In spring 2021, associate professor of engineering Dr. Brenda Read-Daily worked with Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry students at Palmyra Area High School in order to teach them about environmental engineering. Her project focused on teaching the students about water hardness and managing the nitrogen cycle. It was recently featured in an Association of Environmental Engineering & Science Professors (AEESP) newsletter.

Read-Daily has been working on the project for nearly two years, and she was awarded a grant by the AEESP Foundation Grant Program to fund the project in Sept. 2019. She was originally planning to attend the AP Chemistry class in-person with two engineering students in spring in2020, but like most events, these plans changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By this time, both the College and Palmyra Area High School were conducting classes remotely.

Read-Daily adapted to the situation by removing the hands-on activity component, providing electronic handouts and materials to the teacher and recording a presentation that could be shared with the students.

The funding agency allowed Read-Daily to extend the project for another year so she could implement the hands-on activities. Even though she was unable to visit the high school this year, the students were back in-person for classes, and the teacher could experience the project's hands-on activities.

During class, students tested water samples for hardness, which is the concentration of calcium and magnesium ions in water, and nitrate concentration. They also completed worksheets about how chemistry skills

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Photo courtesy of Dr. Brenda Read-Daily

AP Chemistry students at Palmyra Area High School learned about environmental engineering through Read-Daily's project.

Etown implements new to-go containers in the Marketplace

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The Marketplace to-go containers have been a success; they allow students to eat outside, take their meals back to the dorms and are an overall quick and orderly way to navigate the dining hall—which can often become overcrowded.

"They are very convenient and sustainable. I like that they are reusable. You can take them out, take them with you, eat whenever you need to eat," sophomore Tim Mackall said.

Like Mackall, the Elizabethtown College community is participating in a cause that protects the ecosystem. Although the to-go box system may only appear to be a small benefit to the environment, it still promotes a nontoxic, anti-pollutant campus.

Along with preserving the environment, the system is time-efficient—especially for busy Blue Jays, such as first-year Isaac Kraenbring.

"[The to-go system] seems like it saves time when you're going to get food because you're not carrying around a big bulky tray. You can get food easier, and you just get in and out and skip around the lines a little bit," Kraenbring said.

Some students prefer to eat in their dorm or study rooms while completing their homework, since it can be difficult to focus in the Marketplace due to the myriad of distractions present. Those who maintain a heavy workload and do not have time for a meal break reap the full benefits of this to-go system: they simultaneously utilize their meal plan and finish their assignments.

On the other hand, some students want to see changes with the to-go containers.

"I wish we had different size options. Sometimes food doesn't go together. If I want slices of pizza, then I can't get a main entree because there's not enough room in them, and we are only limited to three [compartments]," first-year Griffen MacLaren said.

MacLaren posed a solution to this, suggesting that students should be allowed to check out multiple boxes at once, especially those with the unlimited meal plan.

With another idea, first-year Emma Gilbert proposed that the to-go containers could be used "After sitting down at the Marketplace], if you didn't finish what you were eating, you could just put your [leftover food] in and go. Sometimes when I get something and only eat half of it, I feel really bad because I'm wasting a lot of food because you can't just get a to-go box."

Students could store the food in their dorm minifridge, allowing them to take full advantage of the meal plans.

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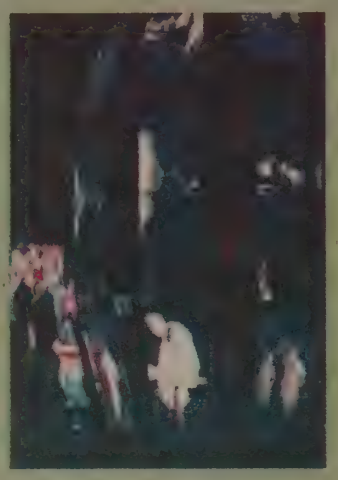
TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.



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Technology company Apple announced long-awaited and anticipated products, such as the iPhone 13, iPhone 13 Pro and Apple Watch Series 7, during their Apple September 2021 event held Tuesday, Sept. 14.

CEO of Apple Tim Cook was the main speaker of the event. Before announcing any products, he first took the time to promote Apple's streaming service Apple TV+, making note of the Apple original, highly-acclaimed comedy series "Ted Lasso," and showed trailers for new series premiering this fall.

Cook kicked off the announcements with the iPad, stressing its versatility, popularity and the iPadOS, which provides the iPad with its powerful features. The new iPad has more powerful and improved features and is designed for ease of use and versatility. Among these features are the A13 Bionic chip which makes everything more responsive and can power advanced apps like Adobe Fresco, an all-day battery life, 20 percent faster GPU to improve graphics and an upgraded camera. In terms of visuals, a user can use multiple apps at once on the 10.2-inch Retina display while True Tone adjusts the screen display to the color temperature of the room to make viewing comfortable in any lighting.

Cook then transitioned to discuss the iPad Mini, giving the portable device its biggest upgrade yet. New features include a new all-screen design with an 8.3-inch Liquid Retina display, an A15 Bionic chip, superfast 5G for better connectivity, improved camera, 40 percent faster CPU performance, support for the Apple Pencil and four available device colors. Both the iPad and the iPad Mini have Center Stage, which makes video calls more engaging by automatically adjusting the camera to keep you in the center of the frame.

Cook then changed gears to announce the new Apple Watch Series 7, complete with the line's largest display yet with redesigned buttons and keyboard. The Series 7 is also the most durable Apple Watch, being crack, dust and water resistant. New health innovations include measuring the user's blood oxygen level, allowing the user to take an ECG at any time and reading the user's heart's electrical signals. It also has a 33 percent faster charge than the Series 6.

Finally, Cook gets to the main event: the iPhone 13 announcement. The new iPhone is more durable than its predecessors, has a new dual-camera system with a new ultra-wide camera, Cinematic mode and photographic styles. The often-mocked front camera also got some serious upgrades, including everything the back camera has and the most secure facial authentication in a smartphone. The iPhone 13 also has 128GB of storage, a super retina XDR display and 2.5 more hours of battery life.

The final announcement of the event was the iPhone 13 Pro. This new iPhone is incredibly durable being made of surgical-grade stainless steel, having a ceramic shield and being water resistant. Like the iPhone 13, the iPhone 13 Pro got an enormous camera upgrade as well as better lighting and closer zoom. It also has 1TB of storage available and an improved graphics display.

With all of the camera upgrades, it seems like Apple wants to make a cinematographer out of its average user.

The iPad, iPhone 13 and iPhone 13 Pro will be available for purchase Friday, Sept. 24 starting at $329, $29.12 per month for 24 months and $41.62 per month for 24 months, respectively.

Etown alumna wins highest honor in OT

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Kristie Patten is a former alumna who graduated from the Elizabethtown College Occupational Therapy (OT) program in 1987. Etown OT Department chair Tamera Humbert quoted in an interview "Yes, Dr. Patten is very well known to us."

She has most definitely left an impact on the College. She was recently honored with the highest award that can be given to an occupational therapist, the Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award, for her work regarding reshaping the therapy for children with autism. Patten will be honored and present a lecture at the AOTA INSPIRE 2022 conference next April.

After graduating from Etown, Patten started a job at Athens Regional Medical Center where she worked at a pediatric practice. She came back north a year later and began to work in a school with children with autism. Patten began to work towards her master's degree at Temple University, where she took a job as the field work coordinator. While at Temple she then worked towards her doctorate in education psychology.

Patten and a colleague at Temple were given a grant to work with autistic adults. This is where Patten's mindset shifted about OT, and she began to stop trying to fix and cure things in autistic individuals that didn't need to be fixed.

"No one was talking to autistic adults, we were treating them but not listening to them," Patten said.

Patten began to look at a different model for treating people with autism, as they did not need to be taught how to act less like themselves.

Patten began to present on reshaping the therapy for autistic people and even had a TEDx titled "I Was Wrong" where she explains how she lacked empathy and was working with a deficit-based model to treat people. Patten began to focus on being an ally to people with autism and helping them to advocate for themselves. Today Patten is a resident of New York and is the Vice Dean of Academic Affairs as well as the associate professor of occupational therapy at New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

The Eleanor Clarke Slagle Lectureship Award was awarded to Patten after she was nominated by her colleagues for her work with how she is reshaping therapy for people with autism. Patten will give a lecture at the AOTA INSPIRE conference when she receives this award, that focuses on how the model for treating people with autism is being changed.

Patten is also the principal investigator of one of the largest inclusion programs that is grant- funded. This program, called ASD Nest Program, is a program for students with autism to havemore inclusive classrooms so they can have an authentic learning experience. This program is currently implanted in 54 K-12 schools across the entire country and serves over 1,600 autistic students. This program is also to be expanded internationally.

Patten is also credited with working with NYU Connect for autistic students. She worked on helping these students to recognize where they need support and helping and becoming an advocate instead of trying to teach normalcy. This is a very different model from what has been used in the past, as these autistic students are not being taught how to act like others, but to instead advocate for what they need to be themselves.

Patten's entire career started at Etown, and it rolled into something bigger every step of the way. Now she is known for reframing the therapy for people with autism and Etown will be here to cheer her on!

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Engineering and AP chemistry project

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Etown engineering professor Read-Daily recently had a project in which she had her students in her AP Chemistry class at Palmyra Area High School work on a project that related to environmental engineering applications. Read-Daily gave a presentation through Zoom to the class about chemistry techniques used to solve environmental engineering problems. More specifically, she discussed water hardness removal via precipitation using lime and soda ash and ion exchange as well as how chemical thermodynamics and kinetics are involved in designing biological wastewater treatment systems.

She shared that the student responsiveness was positive overall and that the students were curious about the topics she discussed. They had several questions since many of them were not familiar with the field of environmental engineering prior to the activities. In fact, the class and teacher were so happy with Read-Daily's project that she was invited back to the school next year. She wants to further expand her activities for the students by incorporating real-world data that the students can analyze using the skills they learned in the AP Chemistry class. The teacher also requested that Read-Daily implement her activities earlier in the school year while students were covering the topics rather than in mid or late May, post AP exam.

Read-Daily also encouraged other professors in other disciplines to reach out to local high schools about doing similar projects.

"I think there is a lot of opportunity here to visit other AP classes like AP Environmental Science, AP Physics and AP Calculus. Students take AP exams early in May but still have about a month of school before the school year ends," she said. "Teachers are receptive at this point in the semester to have outside speakers come and share on relevant topics and applications that tie to the course."

Overall, the project was a great success despite COVID-19 challenges, and Read-Daily looks forward to further working with Palmyra Area High School and its

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Drs. Batista and Brinton get awards

However, Brinton said that the virtual conference was still helpful to him as an educator.

"The conference itself was exciting," he said. "It's really fun to go to a conference with people who think the same way. You can sit down and have a conversation about how to improve student retention and how to design a class better, and all of the things I think about on a daily basis. I just found it thrilling to be surrounded by people who care about education."

Educators from across the United States and Canada were there, providing their diverse perspectives on engineering education, and sharing with each other their backgrounds and experience.

"I come from a background that's all research, so my colleagues here have encouraged me and guided me, and they're the ones that pushed me in the direction to attend a conference like this," Brinton said.

The conference will prove valuable to Dr. Brinton as he continues his career in engineering education, and it will prove just as valuable to the students he teaches.

The ASEE conference will be held again next year, and hopefully more Etown engineering educators will be able to attend the conference. The Etownian extends its congratulations to both Batista and Brinton on their awards and accomplishments.

TO-GO PAGE 1

Students share their opinions on the to-go containers

Gilbert also spoke about a problem she faces with the to-go boxes: forgetting them in her room, causing them to pile up throughout the week.

"There should be one return place in each dorm building as well because I forget to take them with me when I go to the Jay's Nest, but if we had a return place down in the [lobby], I'd remember," she said.

Overall, Gilbert likes the to-go boxes and said that she enjoys the option to eat outside, but with her tight schedule, having a drop-off station in the residence halls would be very helpful.

"They should have cleaning spaces next to the return station because when I go into the bathroom to clean [the container]... no one likes that, and I don't like [doing] that," said another student.

Not only will this serve as a convenience for students, but it will also allow for the bathroom sinks to remain tidy. Washing hands or brushing teeth in a sink with salad stuck in the drain is less than appealing, so this system is also a great way to promote cleanliness.

Overall, the student body likes the to-go boxes and utilizes them regularly. While others, who generally still approve of them, have fresh ideas that they would love to see implemented on campus.

Photo courtesy of Erin Erb

Students can take up to three to-go containers right before they enter the Marketplace.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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The United Kingdom's former First Secretary of the State and Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab was demoted by Prime Minister Boris Johnson Sept. 15. The reassignment occurred following Western countries pulling out of Afghanistan.

Johnson reassigned Raab to the position of Secretary of State for Justice and Deputy Prime Minister. The reassignment occurred after Raab received criticism about his vacation in Crete while the Taliban invaded Kabul, Afghanistan. However, voters' perceptions of Raab have varied, especially after Raab chaired cabinet meetings for Johnson after he was hospitalized with COVID-19 in April 2020.

Following criticism from voters, Raab travelled to Qatar and spoke to the public about safely transporting British citizens and Afghan allies, as well as mentioned meeting with the Taliban to discuss their political platform. However, Raab emphasized that the U.K. would not recognize the Taliban's political leadership in Afghanistan.

Raab, however, was not the only political leader who received backlash from voters about Afghanistan. U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken also received criticism, though political analysts suggested that Blinken received less negative press as he maintains a close relationship with President Joe Biden.

Following Biden calling on the U.S. to withdraw from Afghanistan, though, British voters criticized Johnson for not working with North Atlantic Treaty Organization members to mitigate the results of the U.S. withdrawing from Afghanistan.

Over the weekend from Sept. 17-19, Johnson flew to New York to work with the Biden administration.

Despite criticism of the U.K and the U.S. in their withdrawal from Afghanistan, a U.S. administration official noted that the U.K. "helped to mediate and explain...critical issues" in international affairs. Cooperative developments between the U.K. and the U.S. come after years of Johnson's criticisms of former president Barack Obama and the wavering relationship with former president Donald Trump. As such, Johnson and his cabinet are hoping that the U.K. will be able to maintain a cooperative allyship with the U.S. as they work with the Biden administration in international affairs.

Raab was replaced by Liz Truss, who caught the attention of the Conservative Party's leadership after negotiating a deal with Australia after the U.K. withdrew from the European Union. In addition to Raab's reassignment, Johnson dismissed Secretary of State for Justice Robert Buckland, Secretary of State for Defence Gavin Williamson and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Robert Jenrick.

The new cabinet met for the first time Sept. 17. In the meeting, Johnson emphasized on the cabinet's support for Brexit, as well as the U.K.'s vaccine rollout. In regard to issues, Johnson advocated for aiding the National Health Service and the country's unification.

Johnson's restructuring of his cabinet is a strategic move after voters criticized Raab for his vacation while western military forces pulled out of Afghanistan, as well as granted Johnson the opportunity to develop a policy agenda closely with new political leaders.

Ultimately, Johnson shaking up the cabinet allows him to create a more modern, albeit conservative platform for the U.K. Adding new leadership will likely influence political affairs in the U.K., but time will only tell how voters respond to Johnson's new cabinet members.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Sept. 16 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with administrative reports, starting with Dean of Students & Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez. Gonzalez used her time to answer questions, like one from senior Rachel Skwirut.

Skwirut asked about the possibility of having medical personnel at intramural games in case of any issues. Gonzalez said she would look into it and report back to Senate.

Assistant Director of Community Living Rina Carpenter gave the report for the Office of Student Activities. They spoke about upcoming events, such as the brunch at Conrad's Corner Sunday, Sept. 26. They also said they're planning events for over fall break for students who plan to stay on campus.

Director of Housing & Residence Life Jenn Azevedo added that students who stay on campus over fall break will not be able to use their meal plan, so they should work with Residence Life to figure that out.

Azevedo also spoke to other issues that fall under Residence Life. She asked students to provide any information they can about the missing shower heads in residence halls. She also said that Facilities Management exterminated a big bees nest near Ober Residence Hall, but students should continue to place Work Orders for any other bug issues.

Office/Work Station Manager for Facilities Management Bob Mrgich added that the exterminator is only on campus on Tuesdays, so he asked students to be patient.

Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Ellis Bonds spoke about the flags hanging in the Baugher Student Center (BSC) Concourse. They are in collaboration with the Study Abroad Office for the study abroad fair and in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. After the study abroad fair, those flags will be taken down but the Hispanic Heritage Month flags will remain through the rest of the month.

Associate Dean for Student Counseling and Health Needs Bruce Lynch answered a student question about the current COVID-19 contact tracing process. For unvaccinated individuals, they will have to quarantine for seven days after an exposure or five days if they're asymptomatic and receive a negative test. For vaccinated individuals, they are not required to quarantine after exposure but are asked to get a rapid test three or four days after contact to assure they weren't affected.

Assistant Director of the Learning Zone Tammie Longsderff told senators that they currently have 115 active tutors, when they normally have around 200. Since there are less tutors this semester, some tutoring sessions aren't being filled. She asked senators to spread the word, so students can be patient with tutoring services and so capable students can apply to be tutors.

Executive Cabinet reports were mainly internal issues and non-reports.

During class reports, sophomore Class President Maddi Holmberg announced that the class of 2024 is working with Environmental Services on their sustainability advocacy project.

Senate's new business consisted of two internal presentations. The first was given by senior Executive Vice President Christina Schnee about Senate Retreat, held Saturday, Sept. 18 into Sunday, Sept. 19. Schnee went over COVID-19 guidelines and other expectations for the event.

Senior Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci gave the second about fundraising. The presentation informed senators about different ways to fundraise and correct procedures to go through, such as reserving a table and filling out Business Office forms. This concluded the meeting.

Student Senate meets weekly Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all of the campus community.

Hispanic Heritage Month at Etown

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of Latinx persons to societies around the world. This observance involves learning about Latino culture and history, acknowledging their additions to civilization. This issue is centered around the events held at Elizabethtown College's to honor this month: A Cultural Dance Workshop, a discussion wwthrough the Mosaic Unbound series, and a lecture on Latino Menonnites by a visit scholar at the Young Center.

Cultural Dance Workshop

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The Elizabethtown College Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging hosted a Cultural Dance Workshop to celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month. On Sept. 15, Etown students gathered in the Koon's Activity Venue (KAV) to take part in this collaborative movement. Assistant Director of Residence Life Kayshen Morel led the class, establishing a comfortable pace for all levels of dancers. Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Ellis Bonds helped to prepare and plan the event.

Hispanic Heritage Month was created to honor the contributions of Latinx and Hispanic Americans have made to the United States. It is celebrated from Sep. 15 to Oct. 15 to honor Hispanic cultures and traditions. The start date is Sept. 15 because it is the day of Independence for five Hispanic countries: Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua. The acknowledgment of these Independence Days aids in the importance of observing Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Cultural Dance Workshop was focused on educating and appreciating Hispanic cultures. The dance started with a brief overview of the significance and necessity of the event. Then, the attendees broke into partners and began learning a variety of dances, like the Bachata. Morel and Bonds created a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere throughout the entirety of the event. This allowed for students to experience Latinx and Hispanic Heritage enjoyably. Dancing was the chosen way to begin this celebratory month due to its relevance in Hispanic culture.

"I think it's important, especially within this culture, because dance is much more than an expression of art. It's definitely a staple of the culture. I grew up Sunday mornings listening to this kind of music, my mother teaching me how to dance as a child, and that's something that a lot of people from this culture can definitely relate to," Morel said.

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Etown students celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by engaging in a variety of Latin dances in the Koon's Activities Venue on Sept. 15.

In addition to educating others, the Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging wanted to honor other heritages. "We do a lot of education in our office, but we really want to focus on celebrating other cultures as well," Bonds said.

Through the event, students learned how to correctly enjoy other cultures. The Cultural Dance Workshop taught students to be appreciative of other heritages and to respectfully take part in their events.

"I think it creates an opportunity for cultural appreciation. With us being able to create that space for students, they're able to engage correctly, instead of doing it on their own incorrectly," Bonds explained.

Jalen Belgrave-Haith, an attendee of the dance, found it to be a worthwhile experience. He shared that he learned more about this annual celebration and the Latinx community.

"Hispanic Heritage month is more than just one type of dance. It's a culture. You can always learn different things from different cultures," Belgrave-Haith said.

He further explained the necessity for cultural events on the College's campus. "It's a space where we could have cultural appreciation, not cultural appropriation. Kayshen taught us to live from these experiences and learn from this culture. When we think of advocacy, people always think of educational events. This time we learned how to dance, it's something that's interactive. You can learn from anything," Belgrave-Haith stated.

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging desire to create more events for cultural celebration in the future. They aim to establish a campus community for everyone, specifically following Elizabethtown College's Statement of Non-Discrimination.

The students that attended the dance are looking forward to more events like this. The experience was not only enlightening, but the start of a larger movement.

"More of this should happen in the future. This starts the wave of how advocacy, equity, diversity and belonging works in the future at Etown," Belgrave-Haith explained.

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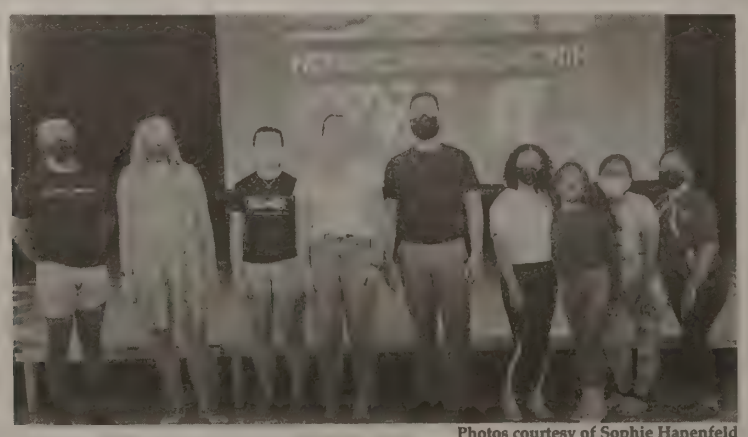

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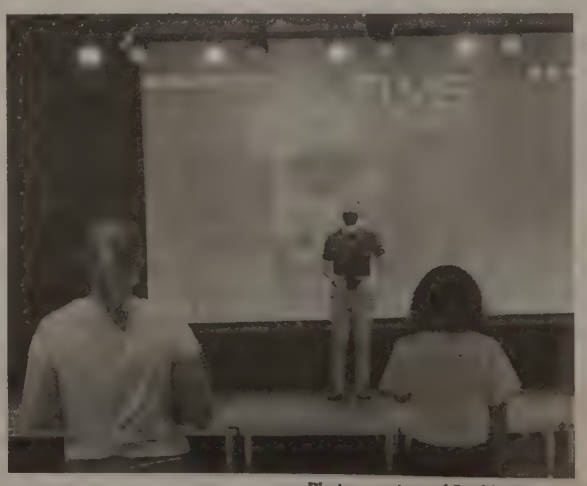
Class photo after the dance.



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Etown dancers listen to instructions.

Mosaic Unbound - Hispanic Heritage Month

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At the Mosaic Unbound discussion for Hispanic Heritage Month, Lauren Robitaille recounted the Latin American folktale of La Llorona. In this story, a woman drowns her children and then wanders the riverside wailing for them.

Lauren Robitaille wears a lot of hats. The Elizabethtown College student is simultaneously an intern with the Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging, Bowers Writers House and the High Library.

On Monday Sept. 20 these three organizations collaborated to sponsor a meeting of the Mosaic Unbound dialogue series to kick of Hispanic Heritage Month at the College. As their go-between, Robitaille hosted the event.

She began by admitting, "I am by no means an expert in this area but I want to learn."

NOIR dialogue club members, staff of the Office of Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging and interested students sat in an alcove of the upper longue of the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being. The group sat in a loose circle, most in bean bag chairs. Dean of Students & Executive Director of College Diversity, Equity & Belonging Nichole Gonzalez was also in attendance.

Robitaille begins the discussion with a bit of history. She explains that many Latin American countries have their Independence Days from mid-Sept. to mid-Oct. This explains the "blocking" of Hispanic Heritage Month.

To acknowledge the second half of the month spilling over into Oct., Robitaille finds it fitting to tell a story about the Latin American folktale of La Llorona, the mother who wanders the bank of the river, wailing and searching for the children she drowned.

After this, she moved on to the centerpiece of the dialogue—a personal essay "Girl's Guide to Sexual Purity" by Latina writer Carmen Maria Machado. Machado is more well known for her short story collections, but her essay describes her attempts to reconcile her bisexuality with the beliefs of her community's religion.

Machado's attempt eventually failed and she became an atheist.

Gonzalez commented on the writer's conflict.

"It's not always possible to reconcile [one's religion and other identities] and stay true to who you are," said Gonzalez.

More broadly, Robitaille asked, "Does religion stunt our evolution as human beings?"

Associate Director for Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Ellis Bonds said that when he asks religious people to tell him what they think the problem is with homosexuality but "don't use the Bible," they can't do it.

Robitaille said she believes religion is compatible with social justice but for the most part not "religion as it is now." While she feels organized religion as it stands has too much baggage, she also believes individual experiences of faith can aid the mission for justice.

In a similar vein, Robitaille figured, "There's a balance between celebrating heritage and letting go of toxic cultural norms."

Bonds agreed and spoke his own heritage.

"We're very homophobic in the Black community," Bonds said.

However, he feels he can be proud of his identity because he wants "to move that culture forward."

Robitaille attributed sexual prejudices in the Latino community at least partially to outside influence.

"It all goes back to colonialism like everything else," she said.

Gonzalez also chimed in, "And patriarchalism."

At this Robitaille nodded earnestly.

In conclusion of the event, Robitaille thanked her guests and named some of the other upcoming events in the Mosaic Unbound series.

On Oct. 18, they will be covering LGBTQ History Month and on Oct. 15 is a discussion on Native American history.

Mosaic Unbound
Discussion Group
Looking at National Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month through Literature
Sept. 20th at 7pm in the Upper Lounge

Photo courtesy of Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging

Advertisement for the event from the Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging's Instagram.

"There's a balance between celebrating heritage and letting go of toxic cultural norms."

~Lauren Robitaille

Latino Mennonites

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Latino Mennonites? Yes, they do exist, and Associate Professor at Texas A & M University Dr. Felipe Hinojosa is one of them.

On Thursday Sept. 16, Hinojosa delivered a lecture to Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies.

Hinojosa is a historian focusing on the civil rights era but that wasn't his first intended line of work.

"I was [originally] an English major in college," he said.

The reason he pursued literature is the same reason he ended up gravitating to history instead.

"I come from a family of storytellers," Hinojosa explained. "History gives you the tools to tell stories that are significant."

In college, he also learned that much of his own culture's history was overlooked by society.

"Here I was a Mexican American kid, growing up on the border...I literally could walk to the border as a kid...and I knew nothing about the contributions of Mexican American and Latinos to the United states. How does that happen?" he said.

While he continued to love stories, instead of analyzing fictional ones, he chose to focus on telling true ones.

The story Hinojosa had for the Young Center was a speech about Latino Mennonites in the 60s and 70s called "Quiet Riots: Latino Mennonites and the Politics of Belonging."

The event was a hybrid affair with people around the country tuning in to watch via Zoom. Some of the in-person crowd were well acquainted with the subject matter—they helped Hinojosa publish a book about it back in 2014.

"The publication process is a long one," Hinojosa said, "but the Young Center has a series where they will say 'look, if you write about Anabaptists in any way, pitch it to us.' It's got to go through peer review and there's a lot of things involved but at least you have a home."

The publication of "Latino Mennonites: Civil Rights, Faith, and Evangelical Culture" was also in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University.

Hinojosa looks pleased to meet some of his first book's supporters face-to-face for the first time as Interim Director of the Young Center Dr. Steven Nolt provided an introduction for his speech.

While a good chunk of the book recounted the history of Mennonite missions which brought Latinos into their fold, Hinojosa said, "The real thrust of the book is about the Civil Rights era."

Latino Mennonites were active with the Minorities Ministry Council, a group of worshippers from multiple races working collectively to increase racial minorities' representation within church leadership.

Hinojosa noted that these activists were reformists, not revolutionaries.

"They believed in the church," he said.

They just wanted more of a voice in its goings on.

Hinojosa believes that the "coalition building" between minorities of different races fighting for rights and representation is a lens which more scholars should be using to view the Civil Rights era.

For instance, the professor explained that Menno-Latinos ("I don't know if that term's used anymore but it was popular in the 70s") played a role in the Cross-Cultural Youth Convention of 1972. This event furthered ties and understanding between minority Christians across racial lines as well as launched the careers of several talented Latina singers.

In 2017, Hinojosa took it upon himself to organize a reunion of the convention, this time in a rest home instead of a Goshen, Ind. convention hall. From these interactions, Hinojosa had the opportunity to archive and digitize many important Civil Rights era photographs as well as collect stories

One aspect of his study which Hinojosa seemed proud of was finding little gems of history in a place many people find dull. Much of Latino Mennonite Civil Rights history takes place in the Midwest—"a place where most scholars say nothing much happens."

"Who would ever think that a book on Latino Mennonites would ever be written?" Hinojosa chuckled. "I was surprised. My dissertation advisor was surprised."

While he's proud that he got to tell the story of a rich but overlooked subculture, Hinojosa admitted, "I just scratched the surface. There's lots of work still to be done."

"I hope someone takes up the challenge of writing part two," he said.

After the speech, the young Latino stood in a circle with a group of white-haired White scholars, discussing their shared field of study.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Felipe Hinojosa

Dr. Felipe Hinojosa delivered a lectured on Latino Mennonites at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies on 16 Sept. 16. The Young Center helped him publish his book on the topic back in 2014.

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The 1972 Cross Cultural Youth Covention.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Felipe Hinojosa

Members of the Convention today at a reunion organized by Dr. Hinojosa.

Correction

In Issue 2, an article mistakenly referred to the Asian Cultural Student Association as the "Japanese Club."

The Etownian regrets this error.

Lauren's Readings: What do the stars hold for you this week?

By: Lauren Robitalle

Aries

Don't resist the necessary changes that are about to occur. Be open to new people and experiences being presented in your life. If you're feeling unbalanced with various responsibilities, try loosening the reins a bit and let others take care of you for once.

Taurus

Something shocking may have just come to light. Though you might want to act immediately, pause to reflect to understand the situation or the person better. Ultimately, trust what your intuition is telling you about this piece of news.

Gemini

Be prepared Geminis, reality will be coming at you fast. You may feel as though the rug has been pulled out from under you, but you have an opportunity to make a difference in lives around you.

Cancer

You are capable and competent in the responsibilities that have been thrust upon you. You may have a lot to carry right now, but that feeling doesn't last forever and there are many lessons to be learned from these hardships.

Leo

There is something in the crisp autumn air, and that is the child-like wonder that's begging to come out. The world is already so formal, so try to have as much fun as you can. If there are any children in your life, make it a priority to spend time with and learn from them.

Virgo

You may be receiving an influx of money or good luck soon. Make sure to not only be generous towards others, but also to yourself. This is a reward for the good karma you've been putting out into the universe, so enjoy it and keep spreading the compassion.

Libra

Make sure you're considering the pros and cons in any given situation before diving headfirst. That's not to say the risk you want to take is a bad idea, but maybe just not the right time due to unforeseen circumstances.

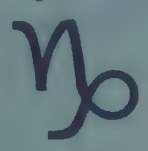
Scorpio

Scorpios might be struggling with a balance being the persona you put on for the world and your true inner self. Make sure that the vulnerability you do show is being received by people who genuinely love and care about you.

Sagittarius

Boredom may be taking a hold on you for the time being but be wary of solely finding happiness and entertainment in other people. Learn to have fun by yourself as others won't always be around.

Capricorn



Take opportunities to experience life to the fullest without material items getting in the way. Think twice about using possessions to fill a void this week. Take time to focus on your loved ones and the activities that bring you true joy.

Aquarius

Don't be afraid to share your successes. You deserve to have your talents and accomplishments recognized. Do what it takes for your goals to be met, but also make time for your own well-being.

Pisces

Take the time to explore different ways of living or spiritual practices. Figure out what works best for you right now and commit to moving past things that don't serve you anymore.

Fall Festivites: Cones and Clubs

When life is not meeting par, try going miniature golfing!

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On the rare weekends when the Office of Students Activities does not have anything planned, it is easy to get bored on campus. Playing endless games oi ping-pong in the lobby can only be entertaining for so long, and no one ever wants to study just for the fun of it. Sometimes, you just need a break from the college atmosphere, and the perfect place to go for a few hours and get some fresh air is Cones and Clubs in York, PA.

Located only 35 minutes from campus, Cones and Clubs is the one of the best ways to spend a weekend afternoon with your friends. For only $6.50, you can play 24 holes of mini-golf and laugh as you struggle to meet par. It is the perfect price for an hour or two of cheap fun.

Unlike some mini golf courses, the holes are challenging without becoming too frustrating. As you venture across the course, you will run into a windmill, a Pac-Man arcade machine and even travel onto a pirate ship. At some of the holes, the golf ball must travel through an obstacle. Plus, there are also animal statues that won't bite if you want to say hi. If you need a cute picture for your next Instagram post, Cones and Clubs has plenty of photo opportunities.

Brooke Seislove, peer mentor for the First-Year Seminar N: Can We Listen to Something Substantial, took eight of her students to Cones and Clubs on Friday, Sept. 10, as a group activity. She spent the evening monitoring the group and keeping track of scores on two separate sheets. At the end of the night, they all gathered around a purple monkey statue and took a photo together that they will cherish forever.

"It was nice to hang out with the students and do something that we all enjoyed," Seislove said.

One of Seislove's FYS students, Jordynn Campbell, spoke very highly of the event. She felt like mini-golfing with her fellow students was a great place for bonding and treasures the time she spent there.

"It was a very welcoming place, and the staff was super nice," Campbell said. "It made me feel like a little kid again."

After spending some time on the golf course, you can grab a bite to eat or some ice cream at Cones and Clubs' restaurant, Jim Mack's Ice Cream. With some value menu items of under three dollars, it is the perfect place for a budget meal for broke college students. Plus, ice cream is the most best comfort food after a stressful week after exams and the never-ending pile of homework.

Seislove, a self-proclaimed ice cream connoisseur, loved the peanut butter astro shake she bought.

"Ice cream is one of my favorite foods, and Cones and Clubs definitely had some of the best ice cream out there," Seislove said.

The next time you find yourself mindlessly scrolling through TikTok or binge watching something on Netflix and bored out of your mind, check out Cones and Clubs for some mini-golf before the weather gets too cold! Just don't forget to stop by Jim Mack's for some ice cream!

Photo courtesy of Brooke Seislove
Fellow Etown students hanging out at Cones and Clubs after a long school week.

Weekly Chirp:

Texas' Senate Bill 8 and the Abortion Ban: Etown's Reactions

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Disclaimer: To protect the views of the Etownian and myself, I will be using the term "fetus" to refer to the child/baby within the womb and "conception" to refer to the fertilization of an egg. I use the term "woman/women" throughout this piece, however, I understand that other individuals who do not identify as such can feel the effects of this law. The quotes of the students are not reflective of the Etownian's views and entirely their own. The quotes may have been edited for length and clarity.

In May, Texas Governor Gregory Wayne Abbott signed into law Senate Bill 8. On Sept. 1, the bill came into effect. The U.S. Supreme Court has offered no pushback despite the precedent-setting case, Roe v. Wade. The law prevents women from seeking an abortion after the sixth week of pregnancy, as that is when most hearts develop within the womb. The "Heartbeat" Bill also does not give leniency to cases of rape or incest; however, it will permit abortion if the mother's life is in danger. In addition, the law makes aiding anyone who seeks an abortion subject to civil action if someone suspects them. If a civil action is brought to someone the court awards no less than $10,000 in fines. This presses citizens to enforce the law, rather than the government.

Because of the bill silently becoming law, a lot of people across the country have been protesting against the bill and demanding the federal government take action. Others have sided with Texas and are counter-protesting. Essentially, the argument breaks down into Pro-Life and Pro-Choice. Of course, there are different beliefs of individuals within each group. However, here is the common notion of both groups:

Pro-Lifers believe in making abortions illegal. They think that life begins at conception and that no matter the circumstances, the fetus should be carried to birth. Because life begins at conception, they believe that abortion is murder and should be punished under the law. They believe that all life is created equal no matter the level of dependency and development, thus they believe the fetus has the right to life. An anonymous student from a survey stated, "It's about time people start standing up for the rights of the unborn. It is morally and legally wrong to end the life of a living human being, and this bill is a step in the right direction towards making that a reality."

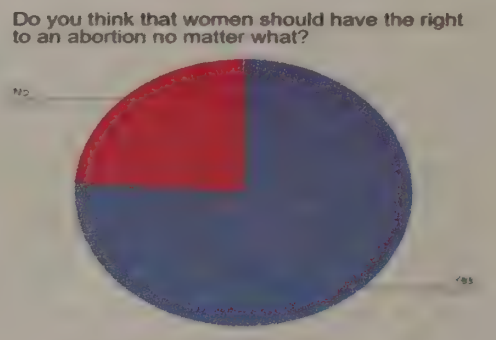
Pro-Choicers believe in the legalization of abortion. They believe that women have the right to choose to carry the fetus as it is their body. They think that denying a woman the right to abortion denies them the right to bodily autonomy. Many criticize the fact that mainly male-identify lawmakers are the ones creating these laws. An anonymous student stated, "Men have no rights to women's bodies."

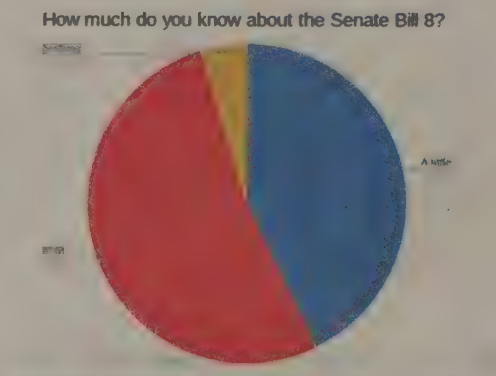
Concerns have arisen about Senate Bill 8. Some healthcare providers have stated that at the six week point, most women do not know that they are pregnant, depending on when conception occurs in relation to their menstruation cycle. In addition, abortion is still illegal if the woman is raped or if the conception is based on incest. For the women who feel no affection for their fetus, due to their trauma, this forces the woman to carry the fetus to birth. Also, many low-income and women of color may not have the means to pay the $10,000 fine for getting an abortion.

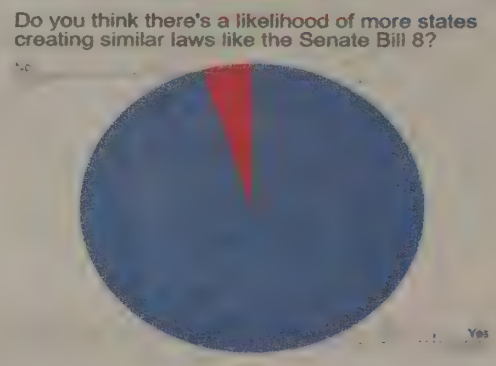
The response to this bill has gone viral. Users of the social media app, Tiktok, have been promoting the flooding of the whistleblower websites. The websites are intended to be used to locate anyone trying to get an abortion or aiding someone in receiving an abortion. Adamant opposers to the bill have submitted memes, false accusations and loop their submission indefinitely to prevent actual tips to go through.

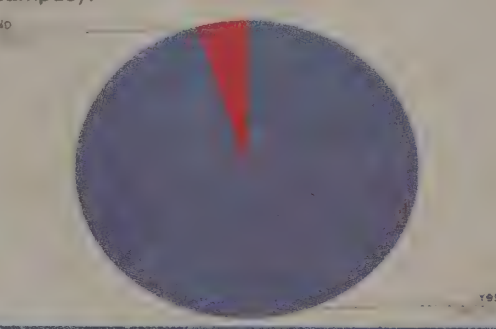
As of Sept. 22, the first doctor, Alan Braid, has been sued for violating the new law. He has two pending lawsuits against him, both filed by plaintiffs. These lawsuits are intended to have a judge decide if the Senate 8 Bill is constitutional. Because of the wording within the bill itself, in the past, entities like Planned Parenthood have not been able to file a lawsuit against the bill, preventing it from becoming law. In addition, the Satanic Temple has lobbied for religious exemption for its followers. One of the beliefs of the Temple is to have the right to bodily autonomy. This law violates that right and belief.

At least seven state governors have made remarks about following in Texas's footsteps. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has stated that he will oppose any similar abortion ban proposed by the Republican Party.









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"There's no place for the government within the doctor's office."

Welcome to the jungle

Wylo swims onto campus for her first fall.

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Hello! Oh don't mind me, just waiting for a snack. No, I need to have my snack first. Yay! Thanks! Alright, my name is Wylo. I'm new here. Yep, this is my first semester at Elizabethtown College. I'm up in Brinser, so you should come check me out.

I was adopted over the summer from a petstore. My mom said that I looked really small and ready to move on from the shelf. Yea, it was a little stretch, but it's fine now. I've grown twice the size from when my mom took me home. She did need to fill an empty tank since her snail, Kylo, passed earlier in the summer. She thought that her remaining snail, BB, needed more company. Also, to switch it up, she got me!

Let's see, I love snacking throughout the day. To be honest, I hover at the top of the tank near the feeding door to see if my mom or her roommates will slip me a bloodworm or two. What's funny, I can't fit the food into my mouth easily. I have to take a bite and swim up to munch on the second piece. Also, I sometimes slap the water as I attack my food. It makes me feel like a little shark. BB thinks it's weird that my food is stuck on the surface. He's so lucky cause he just has to crawl over his wafer and munch away. When BB gets his food, I kinda follow it to the bottom of the tank, just to make sure there isn't anything for me.

I also like hanging out near the heater. The room I'm in is a little cold right now, so I'm hanging out near the heater to stay nice and warm. Don't worry, there's not a huge difference between the water temp and the dorm temp. I like to swim in between the leaves of the anubias around the tank as well. There's one plant right beneath the heater. If it would just grow a little bit more, I can relax on the leaves of the plant. Hey, swimming all day is tiring sometimes. Don't you get tired of walking around campus?

I do need to decorate for the fall season though. I think I can convince my mom to get me a little pumpkin to carve and decorate. Hey, it's not too early to get into the Halloween spirit! I still have to figure out what I want to be though.

So, yeah, I'm enjoying my first semester on campus. I'm all ready for Fall Break though. I need a break from helping out with homework and being a cute form of entertainment. I might stay on campus though and see if I can swim around the campus and get to see my new home. I helped my mom come up with an article for the Etownian, maybe I can see the newsroom. That's where all the magic happens with the newspaper.

Well, if I don't see you before break, have a good one!

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Cunningham

Wylo impatiently waits for his next bloodworm snack.

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Book Review: The Midnight Library

Matt Haig's latest novel is the perfect read for anyone struggling with the effects of the pandemic.

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"The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig is one of the most relevant books for readers amid a pandemic. Haig masterfully guides his readers through the story, with vibrant imagery and almost poetic details. His writing tackles heavy ideas with grace and leaves his readers with a message that resonates with anyone suffering from pandemic-related stress or uncertainty.

Throughout the first few chapters, the story revolves around the life of Nora Seed, for whom nothing seems to be going right. She struggles with depression, is unsatisfied with her career and constantly pushes others away. From the very first sentence Nora has decided to die; this fact plays a central role in the opening chapters, with Haig counting down the hours until Nora's internal decision becomes reality.

However, not all goes as expected for Nora. Death isn't the seamless solution to all her problems in life. There is no peace, no light at the end of the tunnel - and no darkness, either. Instead, there is a library. In the library, of course, are books from which Nora is free to choose. As she reads, she is sucked into the story: stories all about her and every life she could have had. Skeptical at first, Nora hesitates to explore these versions of herself. However, as she becomes convinced she can find herself the perfect life, she dives into these books eagerly. She becomes an adventurer, a glaciologist, a parent, a celebrity and more. Through it all, her original life is still available and Nora must make a choice: Should she go back, or stay dead? She has every life she ever dreamed of stored within the Midnight Library, yet no life is ever a perfect fit. Each version of herself has problems, internal struggles and nonideal circumstances. Life is never the way she imagined it turning out, yet she continues her hunt for perfection.

Nora's story is an obvious parallel to Haig's readers, especially during the pandemic. As they read, the audience can sympathize with Nora; their lives were also upended, whether by the pandemic or simply circumstances beyond their control. At the time this book came out, many were struggling to reclaim that "perfect life" Nora finds herself searching for. They look to the what-could-have-beens, imagining their own midnight libraries, instead of focusing on the present. Falling into this cycle proves to be Nora's downfall; as her search becomes more frantic, the library begins to crumble as the time to make her choice approaches.

Haig orchestrates his writing masterfully: He shows readers a reflection of themselves in Nora, makes them feel for and relate to her and shows how her actions (and therefore his readers' actions) can make life literally fall apart around them. Readers realize along with Nora that her life was just as good as any other life she lived in the library and that the notion of a "perfect life" doesn't exist. Haig leaves his readers with a powerful statement: Appreciate the small, everyday miracles in life. No life can be perfect or perfectly planned, but each life comes with its own set of challenges and positive moments which should be appreciated all the same.

There's no question as to why this book was named a New York Times Bestseller and why Haig has been named an international bestselling author. Haig's mastery of language speaks to every reader, reaching out to pull them into Nora's story. He presents relatable characters who, especially during a pandemic, make his audience reflect on who they are. He explores sensitive topics with tact, and his recognition of the imperfect is what makes his writing so beautiful. All in all, this book is a must-read for anyone, but especially for anyone doubting their place in the world or the future ahead.

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Funniest memory working for the Etownian: was when the previous section editor, Aprille Mohn, told me to put in the Campus Life mascot, the frog. I honestly hope to put him back in soon.
Favorite article written: Welcome to the Jungle series as I get to meet all the different pets of Etown.
Favorite book: the "Harry Potter" series

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Favorite article written: Last semester I had the privilege to feature a Bower's House talk by Dr. Patricia Jabbeh Wesley, a survivor of the Liberian Civil War. Her experience was such a harrowing tale, yet she was filled with so much hope. The experience made me feel lucky to be a feature writer.
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Favorite article written: the Pigeon and Penguin races (look in last year's Aprille Fool's edition)
Favorite book: I don't actually have a favorite book to read for fun, mainly because I read for fun too much. However, from time to time, I will pull out an edition of the "Original Illustrated Sherlock Holmes" stories and turn to the "Hound of the Baskervilles"

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Funniest memory at Etown: I was in Bio 111 Freshman year, and one day a classmate tapped my shoulder. I turned around, and she informed me that I had a Tide Pod stuck to my shoulder. Long story short, that's how we became best friends.
Favorite article written: My most recent article, "The Cultural Dance Workshop," is now my favorite piece that I've written. I participated in the workshop, and it was really fun!
Favorite book: I enjoy reading historical fiction, specifically the "Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah.

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Favorite article written: The one on the Angel Tree project because it was a tradition my family always took part in.
Favorite book: "The Land of Stories" by Chris Colfer

Coming next week a column focusing on various forms of art (theater, art, music, writing, etc.) featuring creators around campus. Stay tuned for the newest addition to the paper!

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Elizabethtown College women's soccer team celebrated its seniors and finished off the night with a victory over Penn State Berks (PSB), 3-0. Graduate student Janelle Barna, junior Gabi Brown, and first-year Ava Whisten each scored for the Blue Jays while junior Trinity Soto and first-year Adrienne McGallicher combined on the shutout.

From the beginning of the game, Etown had the Nittany Lions on their heels. While the shots weren't always on target in the first half, the Blue Jays' offense was playing aggressively. It seemed like it was only a matter of time before a goal was made. Barna scored the first goal of the game with a free kick.

Soto was forced into a diving save on a well-struck ball by Sara Hathaway of Penn State Berks. 30 seconds later, Etown was on the attack when the Nittany Lions' Morgan Bleyer committed a foul not too far outside the box on the left side of the field. Brown and Barna lined up over the ball and Brown stepped over and sprinted down the left side. Barna stepped up and smacked a ball that made a beeline for the upper right corner of the net, giving the goalie no chance as the Slatington, Pa. native netted her first of the season to make it 1-0 in the 42nd minute.

The Jays outshot the Lions 9-2 in the first half as they led by a goal at the break.

Whisten tested Lions' goalkeeper Savannah McNeal twice in the first five minutes of the second half, and the first-year keeper made a couple saves to keep her team within a goal. Meanwhile, off of senior Marissa Lapinsky's corner, Whisten lashed a shot at McNeal, who made the save, and sophomore Aleaha Bigelow's follow-up off the rebound was saved along the line by a PSB defender to keep it out of the net.

About 20 minutes later, senior Erika Antunes found herself in the box with an opportunity at goal, but the ball was tackled away at the last second. With a couple players on the ground, Brown alertly followed the play and stepped up for a shot and sent the loose ball into the net for her first of the season to make it 2-0 in the 68th minute.

Just over two minutes later, it was Whisten scoring her first collegiate goal. Barna gathered the ball in the midfield and dribbled through a couple defenders and played a through ball to Whisten into the right side of the box. The first-year forward struck the ball and sent it to the far post, out of the reach of the goalkeeper for Etown's third of the night.

McGallicher made just one save after coming on for Soto in the 83rd minute. She and Soto combined for six in the game. McNeal had four for the Nittany Lions.

The women's soccer team will host York College of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

Main Line Cross Country Meet

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On Friday, Sept. 17, the Elizabethtown College cross country team traveled to Haverford College for the Main Line Invitational where the team competed against seven other schools.

The participating schools included Villanova University (Division I), University of Pennsylvania (Division I), La Salle University (Division I), Haverford College (Division III), Swarthmore College (Division III), Widener University (Division III), Muhlenberg College (Division III) and Elizabethtown College (Division III).

The Main Line Invitational has been around for several years, but this year was the first time Etown has been invited to attend.

The cross country team's head coach Brian Falk, "...had been trying to get into this event for 12 years," junior Matthew Fick said. "It was a big deal."

The team was able to attend because another school who was originally scheduled to attend had to withdraw from the event.

"Other than the Division I schools, it was crazy competition...there were also Division III schools from other regions that we typically don't get to face," sophomore Grant Kuhn said. "The only other times we will see those teams is if they make nationals."

The men's team placed seventh out of the eight teams. Initially this does not sound great at all.

However, the team was missing several of their top runners due to illness and injury, and they were running against several Division I schools and very competitive Division III schools.

"Coach was really happy with our overall performance at the end," Fick said.

Fick ran the 4-mile and placed 67th overall, but fourth for Etown with a personal best time of 22:06.9.

Fick was beaten by senior teammate Colin Elliott who ran a 22:06.6. A mere 0.3seconds faster than Fick.

In second place for Etown was senior Adam Wolfe with a 21:48.8 and in first place was senior Christian Shaaf with a 20:37.9.

Etown's women's team placed fifth out of seven teams. In the three mile race, senior Hallie Weaver and sophomore Kelty Oaster came in first and second for Etown, respectively.

They finished only two seconds apart at 19:09.9 and 19:11.7.

Third and fourth for the women were senior Brooklyne Wiley and junior Madison Webber at 19:46.1 and 19:49.0, respectively.

The next cross country meet is scheduled to take place on Saturday Sept. 25 at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

Health and Fitness

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With the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, face masks have become a normal part of doing just about any activity outside the house.

After the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended wearing a mask during indoor activity, some people raised legitimate concerns about how this could affect those exercising.

Director of Sport Safety at UConn's Korey Stringer Institute Ayami Yoshihara recently published a paper in "Sports Health" demonstrating that exercising with a face mask on does not significantly increase body temperature or heart rate during exercise.

As recommendations changed rapidly over the course of the pandemic there was a significant need for scientific guidance about exercising whilst wearing a face mask.

This study is the first to provide evidence to demonstrate that wearing face masks while exercising does not add any risk to health.

This study took place over the summer. During the study, participants walked or jogged for 60 minutes in a 90 degree-Fahrenheit environment at low to moderate exercise intensities.

Yoshihara and her team also measured the humidity and temperature inside and outside of the face mask using a sensor which was placed inside and outside of the facemasks on participants' .

While some participants did report a greater degree of breathing discomfort during exercise with a face mask because of the changes in humidity and temperature inside of the face mask, there was no correlation between reported discomfort and measures of body temperature and heart rate.

Yoshihara hopes this research can help shape guidelines for athletes who are exercising and competing during the summer and into the fall while ambient temperatures are still high, especially as vaccination rates outside the U.S. remain low.

"It's feasible and safe to use masks during low to moderate intensity exercise in the heat," Yoshihara says.

While this study did not look at how well these masks prevent the spread of COVID-19, Yoshihara says this is a future area of study she is interested in investigating.

She says it is important that face mask recommendations promote safety both in terms of exertional heat illness and airborne virus transmission.

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Women's Volleyball Against F&M

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On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Elizabethtown College women's volleyball team split its three weekend matches, falling to Franklin & Marshall College before topping Lancaster Bible College, the host of the match, 3 sets to 0 on Saturday afternoon.

With the split, the Blue Jays' win to loss record moves to 5 wins and 4 losses of the season.

Junior Bryanna Miller nearly finished the day with back-to-back double-doubles, registering 13 kills and 17 digs in the first match and 14 kills and nine digs in the second match. Meanwhile, teammate junior Sarah Hanks tallied a season-high 34 assists in the second match and sophomore Kambrie Hepler recorded 28 digs in the opener followed by 30 digs in the second match. Both Hanks and Hepler recorded team-highs during this match.

After falling to the Diplomats 3-0 in the opening match, the Blue Jays played more aggressively in the second. Etown started off strong with a lead of 12-4 in the first set against the Chargers, which was highlighted by a big block from sophomore Katie Scaggs and Hanks on the ninth point.

The Blue Jays continued to play very aggressively, moving to a large lead of 19-9 after a block by Miller and first year Lily Johnson. Lancaster Bible would only be able to close the match within seven points, falling in the first, 25-17.

In the second set, the Blue Jays found themselves down by one point (17-16) to the Chargers after the hosts rattled off three consecutive points. The Blue Jays responded with two consecutive points, highlighted by a block from Scaggs for the 19-18 advantage.

Lancaster Bible tied it one last time at 19, but Etown made a comeback and scored six of the final eight points for the 25-21 win and a 2-0 lead.

The Chargers would not go quietly, as they set out to a 7-1 lead in the final set. The Blue Jays fought back, and took its first lead of the third stanza at 10-9 after Hanks found Scaggs for a kill.

The two teams continued to battle all the way to a deadlock at 18. At this point, Etown took command of the match, finishing off Lancaster Bible with a 7-1 run, capped off by a kill from senior Shelly Yohe for the 25-19 win and the Blue Jays' fourth three set victory of the season.

Etown remains on the road next week as they travel to Wilson College on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Opening serve is set for 7 p.m.

Elizabethtown Volleyball Victory

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

GRACIE BRUBAKER

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Q&A

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Hometown:
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High school:
East Juniata High School
Favorite athlete/sports team:
Chelsea
Favorite Jay's Nest item:
Southwestern Flatbread
Favorite Movie:
"Dear John"
Favorite musician/band:
For King and Country
Favorite place to visit:
Whisk Café

On Saturday Sept. 18, the Elizabethtown College women's soccer team had their annual Senior Night game where they honored the seniors on the team. This year the team celebrated seven seniors including midfielder/defender Gracie Brubaker. Brubaker is most excited for Landmark Conference games where the team is anticipating the University of Scranton to be their toughest opponent this year.

"The team is getting more confident each game that we play. We are working to continue to connect on the field and score goals," Brubaker said. "I am very thankful for each one of my team members as we continue to show up to practices to work hard and improve."

The team's senior night game was a successful one resulting in a 3-0 win against Penn State Berks.

Hardly anyone knows that...
My family makes kettle corn and sells it at fairs.
Favorite Etown Memory:
Bingo
Greatest Etown accomplishment so far:
Being a college athlete
I started running at age.. 7

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Correction

In Issue 2, the "Athlete of the Week" was supposed to be Will Oberle.

The Etownian regrets this error.

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High Center for Family Business expands into Berks County

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The High Center's expansion will provide more resources to local family-owned businesses.

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The High Center for Family Business, located on Elizabethtown College's campus, has recently expanded into Berks County. Previously, the center mainly operated out of Lancaster County, but in the past year, it has been looking to roll out to new markets.

"There was always a feeling that there was so much opportunity in Lancaster, Dauphin and York that we didn't previously think about other markets. Tom Garrity was really the catalyst that got the energy going to move into Berks County," Managing Director of New Markets and a 2014 graduate of the MBA program Scott Burky said. "Executive Director Mike Mitchell (Etown '84), was approached about the expansion into Berks and Lehigh, and since they were adjacent markets, it made a lot of sense to look at expanding our programming and resources to reach more family-owned and privately-held businesses."

The High Center has a strong reputation as a family business center, and they are one of the oldest centers in the country. It offers many services to members, one of which being survey tools. These include the Best Practices and Exit Planning survey, which are helpful for companies to make sure they have the right tools in place.

The center is also focused on leadership roles, making sure that businesses have good communication and a strategic plan. The High Center also offers peer groups, during which leaders of companies have time to converse confidently with each other.

"For some businesses, they only have a CFO or a COO, or four people in a leadership role. They don't have anywhere to go to talk to other people. They need to talk to people that have other skill sets. Peer groups are helpful because leaders can put issues out there to their peers, facilitating conversations," Burky said.

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Schlosser shenanigans

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A trend known as the Devious Lick Challenge is circulating on TikTok, encouraging users to vandalize and steal school property. The term "lick" means a successful theft, and teenagers nationwide have started to participate in this trend by taking items such as soap dispensers, classroom signs and even security cameras.

Recently, the Elizabethtown College Schlosser Residence Hall has fallen victim to this challenge, with shower heads in both the men's and women's restrooms going missing.

Sophomore Schlosser Resident Assistant (RA) Sarah Moscoso was surprised when she first heard about the shower heads, saying, "At first, it was definitely a shock…[I thought,] shower heads, out of all things they could have taken? It was so random."

As the Devious Lick Challenge persists, teenagers have attempted to steal items that they have not seen posted, and shower heads would be obscure enough to garner attention on the social media platform.

Moscoso advises Etown students not to steal or vandalize the property because "It's a prank that hinders the normal flow of [the residents] because people weren't allowed to take showers, use those bathrooms and stuff like that."

Second-floor resident and first-year student Gabrielle Kambouroglos was affected by this challenge. She said she did not initially realize that the shower heads were gone, but once she turned the water on in the shower, "[It] was squirting everywhere, and I was very confused."

Photo courtesy of Madeline Kauffman

Recently, students have been stealing shower heads, among other items, and vandalizing campus property for a TikTok challenge.

In addition, Kambouroglos was upset that she would have to pay for the community damages--which would be equally distributed amongst the residential members to cover the cost of replacements and installation. She said, "That's messed up.

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Voters and candidates prepare for local Pa. elections

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As we approach Nov. 2, more voters are thinking about how they will cast their votes in the election, which is primarily geared toward local and statewide races.

Throughout the years, voter turnout in local elections has comprised 15 to 27 percent of eligible voters in the U.S. In comparison, 49 percent of eligible voters voted in the 2018 midterm election and 67 percent of eligible voters voted in the 2020 general election.

In Pennsylvania, voters will be voting on the following candidates: Maria McLaughlin (PA-D) or Kevin Brobson (PA-R).

A retention election will also be held for both Judge Anne Covey and Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer on the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. Two seats are up for election on the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court and candidates include incumbent Andrew Crompton (PA-R), Stacy Wallace (PA-R), Lori A. Dumas (PA-D) and David Spurgeon (PA-D). On the Pennsylvania Superior Court, Judge John T. Bender and Judge Mary Jane Bowes are up for re-election. A vacancy on the Pennsylvania Superior Court will be filled by either Timika Lane (PA-D) or Megan Sullivan (PA-R), depending on how the votes fall on Nov. 2.

In Lancaster County, Democratic candidates include Chris Hess for County Controller, Michelle Batt for Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and Dominic Castaldi for Recorder of Deeds.

Republican candidates include JoAnne Murphy for the Judge on the Court of Common Pleas, Ann M. Hess for Recorder of Deeds, Lisa K. Colon for County Controller and Mary Anater for County Clerk of Courts. Other endorsed magisterial district judge candidates Miles Bixler, Ray Sheller and Clark Bearinger. The Republican Committee of Lancaster County is also asking voters to retain Judge Leonard G. Brown III as part of the Court of Common Pleas.

The Lancaster County Democratic Committee has endorsed three candidates for Elizabethtown School District's School Board, including Kristy Moore, Sarah Zahn and Jagger Gilleland. Paul F. Lesoine is also running for Inspector of Elections in the Elizabethtown Borough.

Other candidates that the Lancaster County Democratic Committee is supporting include Jill Kleis and Michael Corradino for Judge of Elections.

Moore previously ran in 2019 and lost, but she opted to run again, citing her desire to create change.

"I am a teacher…I have two kids in the district and I had been involved in a congressional campaign," Moore said. "It made me realize that if you want change, you have to work for it."

In regard to the main issues, Moore emphasizes on wearing masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as how her opponents tend to be more extreme in their political beliefs, noting how her opponents attended the Stop the Steal rally in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 6.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

Technology and social media company Facebook has been in hot water recently regarding leaked internal company documents that express the company's awareness of issues regarding child safety and the mental health of its users.

The tens of thousands of pages of documents were the center of a series on the Wall Street Journal entitled "The Facebook Files" which discusses at length how the tech giant knows that its products cause harm to its users. In response, the U.S. Senate called two hearings to examine Facebook's products' effects on children's and teens' privacy and mental health.

Facebook, in an unprecedented move, decided to indefinitely suspend its plan to create an Instagram app specifically for children under 13, called Instagram Kids. Child welfare advocates and policymakers were worried that the app could harm children regarding their privacy, screen time and mental health. Instagram Kids was originally presented as an ad-free version of Instagram but with age-appropriate content as well as tools for parents to limit their children's screen time and who can follow and message them.

However, the Wall Street Journal disclosed some of Facebook's research that revealed how Instagram is incredibly toxic to teenage girls in particular; a survey indicated that one in three teen girls said that Instagram exacerbated their already-existing body image issues. Child welfare advocates said that children could be exposed to harmful content through increased screen time and that Facebook would have more opportunities to access their personal data. Law enforcement authorities also expressed concern that pedophiles could potentially meet and communicate with children through Instagram Kids

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with the National Center on Sexual Exploitation calling the app an "irresponsible idea from its inception." There are also concerns that the primary audience for the app would be children much younger than the expected 10-12 year old demographic, most of whom already have Instagram accounts.

By Wednesday, Sept. 29, Facebook was in full damage control mode, releasing heavily annotated documents discounting its own research of how its apps harm users, specifically the mental health of adult and teenage Instagram users, on the heels of the company's Senate hearings Thursday, Sept. 30. The annotations aimed to cast doubt on the scope of Facebook's research, even on results that seem positive for the company's reputation.

Lawmakers plan to use Facebook's scandals to renew interest in revamping and reframing laws for protecting children online. They argue that the 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) has not been properly enforced and does not encompass privacy concerns regarding social media, apps, websites and video games.

The "whistleblower" who released the internal documents used by the Wall Street Journal in their Facebook series was revealed Sunday, Oct. 3 to be former Facebook product manager Frances Haugen during her "60 Minutes" interview. She alleged that Facebook dissolved measures to prevent the spread of misinformation after the 2020 election and undermined safety efforts by disbanding the civic integrity team. She also commented on how social media usage will worsen teen girls' body image, referencing Facebook's own findings.

"There were conflicts of interest between what was good for the public and what was good for Facebook. And Facebook, over and over again, chose to optimize for its own interests, like making more money," Haugen said in the interview.

Facebook is arguably in the biggest crisis in the company's history, since Congress is still investigating its handling of the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Haugen will testify during the second Senate hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

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High Center expansion brings further opportunities

After peer groups occur, the High Center will then talk to the businesses and help them form an action plan, while holding them accountable to that plan. During the COVID-19 pandemic, peer groups were extremely helpful for business owners. Burky stated that the majority of businesses that are members at the High Center made it through, and part of why the High Center expanded in the middle of a global pandemic is because they have tools and resources that can help businesses thrive.

The reputation of the High Center also helped in the expansion, as partners and members would talk to other businesses about the program, causing more members to sign up. As of September 2021, there are about 130 members, with 19 peer groups, each with eight to 10 members. That's a lot of businesses that the High Center is helping, part of Etown's "Educate for Service" motto.

Etown students are also involved at the High Center, helping to compile survey responses and coming to listen to sessions with speakers such as American author Jim Collins who focuses on business management. This takes place at the Business Forum, which is the High Center's annual event for members.

The High Center's expansion to Berks County helps bring awareness back to Etown and take the College's reputation out into other areas. There is also a strong alumni group supporting the High Center, including the Managing Director for the York Market and 2020 graduate of the Master's program Bryan Kelly.

"I'm thrilled to be a part of this expansion to new areas," Kelly said.

The High Center is having the first Berks-based peer group starting in October 2021. Any businesses that are interested in learning more about membership at the High Center can contact Scott Burky by email at burkys@etown.edu, or visit the High Center's website and fill out the contact form.

Pennsylvania Politics

This monthly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

On July 4, 2021, while the nation celebrated its freedom on Independence Day, it was also celebrating a newfound freedom from COVID-19.

According to statistics from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania reported only 121 new cases on July 4. Freedom from the virus was marked by lower hospitalization and death rates and less strict mask mandates, lockdowns and stay-at-home orders. The future looked bright, and many hoped that COVID-19 might finally be in the rearview mirror. Soon these hopes were dashed as the highly contagious Delta variant took hold, and on Sept. 1, Pennsylvania reported 3,641 new cases with a daily average of over 3,000 cases in the first week of September.

With cases rising and schools starting back up, Governor Wolf aligned Pennsylvania with CDC recommendations and instituted another mandatory mask mandate in an attempt to keep schools open in the fall. Effective Sept.7, 2021, masks would be required to be worn inside K-12 school buildings, early childhood learning programs and child care providers.

Wolf justified his decision, citing health department guidance and "an outpouring of messages from parents asking the administration to protect all children by requiring masks in schools" after only 59 of 474 school districts statewide adopted mask mandates in August.

Wolf said that he would have "preferred for local school boards to make this decision."

In addition, he stated,

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"Unfortunately, an aggressive nationwide campaign is spreading misinformation about mask-wearing and pressuring and intimidating school districts to reject mask policies that will keep kids safe and in school. As we see cases among children increase in Pennsylvania and throughout the country, this is especially dangerous and challenging as we seek to keep kids in school and maintain a safe and healthy learning environment."

Democrats overwhelmingly supported the mandate as a public health measure. Republicans reacted harshly, claiming that Wolf had overstepped his authority and was threatening the civil liberties of Pennsylvanians everywhere.

The fight over mask requirements has become highly politicized, as evidenced by anti-mask and pro-mask rallies at the Pennsylvania Capitol. It transformed once quiet and routine school board meetings into political battlefields pitting parents against school board members for following the state mask mandate.

In many school districts, the mandate fell victim to the infamous "parent's note loophole," where parents could get around the mandate by simply signing a note saying that their children did not have to wear masks in school.

The state government struggled to come up with a response to shift tensions away from school boards and to properly enforce the mandate at the state level.

On Sept. 10, Governor Wolf and the Pennsylvania Department of Health clarified in an address to the public that the masking loophole would not exempt children from having to wear masks within schools.

Republicans responded on Sept. 28 by passing a bill in the Pennsylvania State Senate on a party line vote that would protect the rights of parents across the state who wished to opt out of the mask mandate. The mask exemption bill is unlikely to be signed by the governor's office. Meanwhile, vaccine hesitancy and distrust of the government continue to erode our institutions and lead to needless deaths, while an increasing number of statistics show that students have performed worse because of lockdown restrictions, school closures and the struggles associated with online learning. The masking and vaccination mandate issue will likely be front and center in next year's gubernatorial election. It is clear that no matter who prevails in this seemingly endless political conflict, students and school boards caught in the crossfire will be the biggest losers.

SCHLOSSER PAGE 1

Devious lick TikTok trend wreacks havoc on campus

The person who stole the shower head and hasn't replaced it should be the person to pay for it because none of us did that, so it's wrong--in my opinion--that we should have to pay for it."

According to Moscoso, there is still one shower head unaccounted for, so she suggests that students "Report anonymously. You don't have to say your name. We are really encouraging people to do the public reporting system. They can go to their RA and tell them, or they can leave the shower head outside the RA office."

In an anonymous statement given to the Etownian by the individual who stole the shower heads, they said, "I stole them...as a joke. Some of them were taken [on] the second floor of [Schlosser but] most were on [the] third."

The thief also disclosed the details of the plan, claiming, "I just unscrewed the shower heads and put them in my bag...at night. Nobody helped me, and it wasn't on TikTok."

Since this Devious Lick did not appear on TikTok, it seems that the main reason why the individual carried out the plan was a belief that it would be comical--although some Schlosser residents would disagree.

Kambouroglos wished to ask this student, "Why [did] you feel the need to go around stealing things, [especially] when [this causes] property damage?" She believes that "It's not funny when [others] have to pay for it, and also, you messed with everyone's daily routines, so [that's] not super cool."

Addressing this, the perpetrator clarified, "I wouldn't do it again, and I returned them because I didn't [want the residents] to get fined. I don't have the last shower head. I returned all of them."

Finally, the statement ended with the thief expressing, "[I have] no regrets. It was funny, and I gave them back, so it's all good."

Schlosser has had its fair share of incidents, and according to the whiteboard outside room 235, it has been seven days since an incident on the second floor (since Sept. 29), and hopefully, that count continues to grow.

ELECTIONS PAGE 1

Register to vote!

She also highlighted concerns about her opponents' homophobic, transphobic and otherwise discriminatory views.

On the other side of the aisle, the Republican candidates having cited concerns with sex education, the school's response to COVID-19, critical race theory and the results of the 2020 election.

Overall, the election has become partisan, which is unexpected for a school board election. Moore noted that the significance of the race is evidenced as herself and Zahn have raised over $20,000, compared to the $1,000 Moore raised in her race in 2019.

"I wish my platform was about the quality of education and advocating at the state level about funding," Moore said as she highlighted local issues facing the Elizabethtown Area School District, such as the potential merger of the four elementary schools.

Although Elizabethtown, Pa. leans Republican, Moore noted that herself, Zahn and Gilleland have "made it an important part of our conversations to represent everyone." Moore emphasized that the school board is intended to be non-partisan, as well as noted that Republicans have been backing her in her campaign.

Voters are required to register to vote in the general election by Oct. 18. Applications for mail-in or absentee ballots should also be received by Oct. 26 and received by 8 p.m. on Nov. 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 2.

Note: The Republican Committee of Lancaster County did not respond to the Etownian's request for an interview.

Student Senate

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On Thursday, Sept. 23, Student Senate met for their weekly meeting in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with Dean of Students & Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez speaking about a change in Elizabethtown College's immunization policy. She stated that anyone receiving an immunization waiver or exemption must now provide documentation for it, either for medical or religious reasons. The COVID-19 vaccination is still not required for all Etown students, but it is now mandatory for student-athletes.

Next, Assistant Director of Community Living Rina Carpenter reported on behalf of the Office of Student Activities. They spoke about upcoming events, such as the Hersheypark ticket giveaway taking place over fall break.

Director of Housing & Residence Life Jenn Azevedo began by announcing that roommate agreements are now available to complete. She emphasized the importance of these and encouraged all students to fill them out.

She also highlighted that room inspections have begun and will be carried out within the next two weeks, starting on Sept. 23.

Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Ellis Bonds stated that the Ujima Dialogue resumes after fall break.

Curtis Smith represented the Center for Student Success. He reported that they have been working on progress surveys. The Academic Advising department is collecting input from professors and will be offering services and resources to students who have flags.

Before Executive Cabinet reports, sophomore Sarah Moscoso announced the start of a Latinx Hispanic Student Union on campus.

Senior Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci advised clubs to fill out the budget request form.

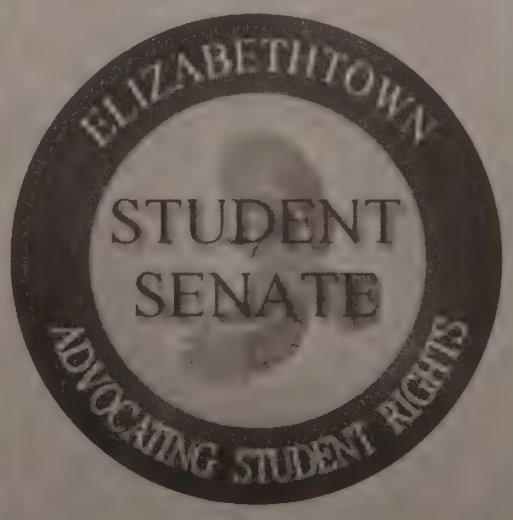
Aside from that announcement, the reports pertained to mainly internal affairs.

Next, there was an election for the Campus Inclusion Committee. This is a group created and administered by President Cecilia M. McCormick, J.D. with an overall goal of understanding diversity and belonging on campus. The committee meets every three weeks on Fridays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

For committee updates, 2024 President and Service Committee Chair Maddi Holmberg discussed internal plans regarding Into the Streets, which is on Oct. 23.

The meeting concluded with class updates.

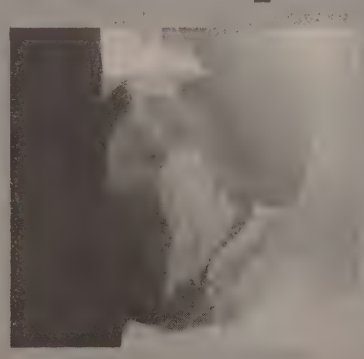
Student Senate meetings take place in Hoover 212 every Thursday at 3:45 p.m. The campus community is encouraged to attend.



Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.



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Narcondam Island located off the coast of India was recently studied by a group of scientists. Natural history photographer Prasenjeet Yadav received an invitation from bird biologist Dr. Rohit Naniwadekar to study the remote island. The focus would be on the endangered species Narcondam Hornbill.

Yadav agreed to go close to the end of 2019 and then needed to obtain permits from the government in order to go onto the island.

Along with four others, Yadav went onto the island for a span of two months. The land was hardly touched by humans and the group had to crawl beyond native plants. There were giant buttress trees growing all around, some reaching over 100 feet.

Upon taking the first look around the island, the scientists noticed a dense population of the Narcondam Hornbills. As a result, the scientists wanted to dedicate their research to calculating the population of the hornbills and find out why their population is so high on the island as compared to other areas.

The scientists spent most of the daylight hours documenting every plant species and animal they would come across in efforts to understand how the island ecosystem worked. Yadav even would spend hours sitting in trees watching the hornbills' behavior and writing observations. He also did so in hopes of getting close-up photographs of the creatures.

After using various methods to track the population and gather data, the scientists concluded an average of 390 hornbills per square mile. They estimate the total population on Narcondam to be 1,000. The concentration of the birds on the island is the highest out of all hornbill species in one area across the planet.

Narcondam Hornbills have thick beaks allowing them to break into fruit such as figs, their primary source of food. The scientist found many fig trees scattered about the isle, but more surprising the fig trees there are taller than elsewhere. The amount of fig trees contributes to a lasting food supply throughout the entirety of the year for the hornbills. The hornbills in turn deposit the fig seeds through their waste, which helps the fig trees stay replenished.

However, no paradise is without threats. Humans pose the threat of adding infrastructure to the untouched island in an effort to keep it as their territory. China has been looking at the islands in that area trying to take them.

Another threat is climate change. The Narcondam Island ecosystem is a closed system meaning everything heavily relies upon another species. One bad growing season resulting in less figs could destroy the Narcondam Hornbill population, as the figs are their main source of

food. The population of the hornbills would decrease, which would decrease the rest of the biodiversity around the island because of less seeds being carried by the birds.

If nothing is done to help protect the endangered Narcondam Hornbills, then Yadav's fear of his last time seeing those birds may have been when he left the island. For more information go to: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/04/travel/narcondam-hornbill-india.html.

Stretching class attended by glowing participants

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The Elizabethtown College Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being hosted a Stretch and Glow class on Sept. 25. The event was created by Director of the Bowers Center Whitney Crull, and the class was led by Group Fitness Instructor Cassidy Dunn in the Bowers Center Field House.

The class was created to establish a fun environment that positively impacted the students mentally and physically.

When participants entered the Field House, blue lights and glow sticks welcomed them. A table was set with glow sticks and various fasteners for students to create their own "glowing jewelry." The luminous attendees then took their place, and Dunn began leading the class. During the session, soft-pop music played overhead, supplementing the already calm environment.

Dunn became a Group Fitness Instructor to teach others about the importance of stretching. Based on her own experiences of injury, she wants others to learn fundamental skills of protecting oneself during physical activity.

"My personal trainer, who helped me when I had my shin injury, inspired me to teach others, too. I have had so many injuries from running and was constantly told how important stretching was. So, I wanted to help others stretch too, while making it fun," Dunn said.

Dunn described how stretching can improve one's performance as well. Releasing tension and warming up has proven to enhance a person's ability in sports or working out.

"There are so many benefits," Dunn said. "One being that it will help you warm and cool down after a workout. A big one for me is that it will prevent certain injuries, and as a plus, makes you more flexible!"

Apart from physical benefits, stretching positively impacts an individual's mental wellness. This activity can act as a stress reliever through a person's mental connection to their body; however, Dunn described that the activity is only beneficial if it is done correctly.

"Stretching is so important before and after working out and is a really good stress reliever. But stretching is only good if it's done the right way, which is why I love that I can teach people and help people do it correctly," Dunn said.

Attendees described the experience as enjoyable and relaxing.

Participant Hannah Sohn stated that she was interested in the event due to its exciting description.

"I wanted to attend the event because it sounded like a lot of fun! It also is a good way to relax and wind down at the end of the day," Sohn explained.

Overall, Sohn found the event beneficial and entertaining.

"It gave me some time to wind down while enjoying the company of others. My body also felt so much better afterwards," Sohn said.

Attendee Hannah Brown had similar reactions to Sohn for the Stretch and Glow class.

"The event was beneficial as it helped me feel much more relaxed and was a fun activity for my friend group! Cassidy also had a great playlist, so we got to listen to some nice music, too!" Brown described.

Photos courtesy of Maura Longnecker

Students practice stretching with glowsticks in the dim blue light of the Field House under the instruction of Group Fitness Instructor Cassidy Dunn.

Photos courtesy of Sophie Hanenfeld

Stretch and Glow was held on Sept. 25.

"Stretching is only good if i't's done in the right way, which is why I love that I can teach people and people do it correctly."

~Cassidy Dunn

Sohn and Brown would both attend another Stretch and Glow class or an event similar. They found it extremely beneficial for their overall wellness.

Dunn believes that the event was a success. She was encouraged by the turnout and the positive comments she received.

Students should expect to see another event like this in the future due to its apparent popularity.

Dunn teaches a stretching class every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being. Any student is welcome to join and experience the mental and physical benefits of stretching.

Religious scholar named 2021 Peace Fellow

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Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Susquehanna Room will commence the 2021 Peace Fellowship Lecture. This annual tradition is rooted in Elizabethtown College's peacekeeping heritage and serves to facilitate student engagement with diverse scholarship related to the values of the College.

The Peace Fellow is a scholar or significant actor in the realm of peacebuilding who is voted on from a list of candidates. This voting takes place outside of the direct sphere of the College, being one of the most significant continued projects of the Elizabethtown College Peace Fellowship (ECPF). ECPF is an external group made up of students, faculty, alumni and community members interested in peacebuilding and promoting peace-related efforts on campus.

In the case of the Peace Fellowship Lecture, ECPF collaborates directly with the campus' Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking (CGUP) in the financing and promoting of the event. While the director of CGUP does not have a voting role in the selection of the Peace Fellow, CGUP and ECPF work closely together to organize the lecture and accommodate any needs of the Fellow while on campus.

"Collaboration [with ECPF] allows me to be a part of their conversations about this type of work and to keep them apprised about what is going on on campus," CGUP Interim Director Dr. Shannon Haley-Mize said.

For the past two years, Haley-Mize has been re-modeling and re-shaping CGUP in order to better align the organization with its values of equity and social justice. Haley-Mize has also been working to further establish opportunities to uplift and sponsor scholarships related to peace and social justice. The Peace Fellowship is one of many events CGUP has planned for the year and one of many ways it plans to engage with the campus community.

This year, the Peace Fellow is Religious Scholar and Director of Online Learning and Digital Pedagogy at Hesston College Rebecca Barrett-Fox. Fox earned her PhD in American studies at the University of Kansas and the majority of her scholarship focuses on issues of bias and marginalization within the church. Previous publications have focused on the impacts of misogyny in Christian spaces.

To this end, Fox will be visiting two classes related to Gender Studies during her time on campus this week. Her presentation on Wednesday, however, focuses more specifically on the issues of bias and hate in the religion, as well as on how these issues manifest in the church. Fox explores how American churches weaponize the Bible and its impacts on marginalized people. In addition to being a scholar of religion, she is also a scholar of hate and the various forms it can take.

Haley-Mize expressed enthusiasm for Fox and her work, especially as it relates to the values of the College.

"It's an important conversation for us to build on as we work not only towards peacebuilding but for human rights across the board…it's important to remove barriers to access for those [marginalized] groups," Haley-Mize said.

Fox's presentation also ties in with ongoing work being done by CGUP to address racism and bigotry on campus. The Peace Fellow Lecture on bias and hatred in the church ties in well with CGUP's ongoing Forum on White Supremacy and Global Colonization and related topics occurring on campus this month.

The CGUP web page describes the lecture as follows: "The activities and events in the Forum are designed to promote peace with a focus on the examination of how white supremacy and colonization have functioned in various contexts across the globe and individual empowerment to circumvent cycles and systems of oppression–which is essential to the peacebuilding process."

For more information on CGUP and future events, visit the organization's calendar through the following link: https://www.etown.edu/centers/global/calendar.aspx. Questions should be sent to Haley-Mize at mizes@etown.edu.

EDITOR'S THANKS

Zoe Williams is the former features editor of the Etownian. This semester, she is studying abroad but is eager to contribute to the paper in another way. Since Williams is the Student Project Coordinator for Etown's Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking, Etownian readers can look forward to her periodic updates on developments within this pivotal College organization.

Formal Jay provides fun for students

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Sept. 25, the Class of 2024 put on Formal Jay, an annual dance that the student body hasn't gotten to experience since Fall 2019, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The dance's theme was "Out of This World," and it delivered on that promise.

Everyone had glow sticks and the KAV was decorated with space-themed backdrops and props.

Balloons filled with glow sticks were scattered over the floor as everyone danced the night away.

Attendees loved the theme.

"I thought the theme was fun. I've never been to an outer space-themed event before," senior Madi DeLuca said.

"I really liked the outer space theme," junior Devynn Napp-Barker said. "I really like outer space, and I think [Student Senate] did it really well with all of the balloons, glow sticks and the backdrop."

The Class of 2024 Student Senate met over the summer to discuss possible themes.

According to President Maddi Holmberg, outer space and glow-in-the-dark were two of the top themes discussed.

"Our advisor Jenn [Azevedo] actually suggested, 'Why don't you just combine them?' So that's what we did," Holmberg said.

Everyone in attendance seemed to love the dance.

Blue Jays wore their very best, and they danced and sang along to a great Spotify playlist, some parts of which were requested by the student body.

Group favorites, like "Cotton Eye Joe" and the "Cupid Shuffle" got everyone together and having a good time.

For most of the student body, the dance was just one night, but for the Class of 2024 Student Senate members, it was a lot more than that. Catering, location, set-up, lights, music and more all had to be considered in planning the event.

"There were a lot of different factors that all needed to go into one thing at one time," Secretary Karlie Fromm said.

The planning was even more stressful as this was an event that hadn't happened since before the pandemic.

"Overall, I think it was really difficult at the beginning when we were first getting a jump start on it because we had never planned anything like this before," Holmberg said.

"Thankfully, the Class of 2022 was able to provide us with some information about how they did theirs," Fromm said.

The hard work paid off, and this really showed when ticket sales started.

Photos courtesy of Emily Kuhn

Six students (and one space alien) pose at the Formal Jay dance held in the KAV, Sept. 25.

"I'm glad I was able to let loose."

~Devynn Napp-Barker

"We sold out of tickets, which I personally was not expecting," Fromm said.

"The first week we were out there at the tables selling tickets, we only sold around 50 tickets. The week of [the dance], the rest of them were sold," Holmberg said. "I thought it was really awesome that we were able to sell over 100 tickets in three days."

Whether they came for the outfits, the music or the dancing, Blue Jays seemed to enjoy this fun night of freedom.

"It was nice to be able to get out after being locked up for two years," DeLuca said, referencing the lack of group events during the pandemic.

"I'm glad I was able to let loose," Napp-Barker said.

Despite all the stress involved in the planning, the dance was truly an out-of-this-world event.

"I thought the theme was fun. I've never been to an outerspace-themed event before."

~Madi DeLuca

"Real Women Have Curves" film showing honors Hispanic Heritage Month

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On Sept. 24, the Elizabethtown College Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging along with the High Library sponsored a showing of the movie "Real Women Have Curves" in the Gibble Auditorium.

Senior and Mosaic Unbound intern Lauren Robitaille served as the host for the evening.

The movie was played in honor of National Hispanic Heritage month, which spans from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

"We wanted to focus on a movie that is centered around Hispanic and Latinx stories," Robitaille said. "I thought that the messages in the story were really good, and especially relevant to today, even though it was made in 2002."

Before the movie began, Robitaille stood in front of the audience to address the somewhat controversial title of the movie.

"Real Women Have Curves" was released in 2002, when fashion and beauty standards were very different and centered around being as thin as possible.

However, society today is more inclusive and less focused on physical attributes.

"I just wanted to make sure that in terms of 'real women' people understood that there is no such thing as a real woman," Robitaille said. "You're a woman if you're a woman. There's no standard or size or whatever, curves or no curves. Femininity and womanhood isn't subjective to anything."

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~Lauren Robitaille

The movie features Ana Garcia, played by America Ferrara, who is a Mexican-American 18 year old who recently graduated from a high school in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Her English teacher Mr. Guzman believes that Ana is very smart and could go to college on a scholarship, but Ana is torn between going and staying home, as her mother wants her to work in the family's run-down dress factory.

Ultimately, Ana does go to work in the factory over the summer, but keeps her aspirations of one day going to college.

The main conflict of the movie exists between Ana and her mother, Carmen.

Carmen has many plans and ideations for Ana, but Ana disagrees with them. Carmen believes Ana is fat and should lose weight, but she also believes this of herself and projects it onto Ana.

Carmen wants Ana to stay home, work in the factory, and later on get married and start a family, but Ana wants more in life. Ana wants to go to college, and doesn't want to work in the dead-end factory.

As the theme of the movie is body positivity, one of Ana's main struggles in the movie is her weight, and her mother constantly nagging her about it. She insists that Ana must be a certain weight so that she can get a husband and start a family.

However, Ana believes that she is more than just her weight, and throughout the movie she learns to accept and love herself. She even encourages the other women in the factory that they are beautiful too, despite their flaws, in one of the most powerful scenes in the movie.

This movie also provides commentary on the socio-economic status of families who immigrated to the United States in search of a better life, and this is reflected strongly in Ana's interactions with her mother.

"I think it's really important that the movie showed that they learned from each other and that they could learn from each other."

~Lauren Robitaille

Carmen throughout the movie has many visions for Ana's life that are very old-fashioned, such as her staying home and working in the family factory, as well as her preserving her virginity and maintaining a particular appearance in order to attract a man and start a family.

But Ana knows that if she goes to college she can build a better life for her and her family, and learns to create her own definitions of beauty that outweigh her mother's.

As previously stated, this movie was played as part of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

And while the title of the movie may be outdated, a lot of the themes are still relevant to today.

"I think the balance between being able to celebrate something and being able to critique it is really important." Robitaille said. "That especially comes across with the main character, Ana, and her mother. I think it's really important that the movie showed that they learned from each other and that they *could* learn from each other."

There were times Ana was rebellious and disrespectful towards her mother, but at other times Ana stood up to Carmen and her old-fashioned beliefs.

"The fact that the characters can learn and grow around each other contributes to the sense of celebration but also allows us to critique whatever societal pressures or norms you're facing." she said.

Etown student launches clothing company to "Free Your Journey"

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If you think college is rough, try running a clothing company startup while you're still a student.

Elizabethtown College junior Lucas Cunningham launched C&B Outdoor in August. The clothing line focuses on outdoor apparel and is staffed entirely with full-time college students at Etown and other colleges.

"I like how we're becoming more technicolored and that's where 'Free Your Journey' is going to join onto that message so we can be a company that pushes people to live how they want."

~Lucas Cunningham

Photos courtesy of Lucas Cunningam

Elizabethtown College student Lucas Cunningham, founder of C&B Outdoor clothing line.

"We have 14 items in the collection. We carry everything from scrunchie accessories to a burlap bag. We carry casual outerwear and outerwear. We're gonna be expanding the line to go into performance wear this April and possibly coats for this winter," Cunningham said.

C&B Outdoor does alright on sales, with Cunningham estimating a 40 percent turnover of their merchandise.Most of this purchasing is done in person.

"Our website sales are very slow—[sales] have all been from events," Cunningham said. "Storefront is still a huge part of clothing sales because people can actually feel the product."

Cunningham has hosted several popup sales on campus.

"It can be really stressful when it comes to having the capital to buy inventory. [Sales at] Etown really wiped us clean so we have to take resets and put a lot more money into buying higher quantities to meet demand," he said.

Among others, Cunningham appreciates Etown public relations major Ally Bonicker and graphic design major Isa Abdul-Rahman for the contributions they've made to the company.

Associate professor of marketing Dr. Bryan Greenberg was also an inspiration to Cunningham.

"Dr. Greenberg was the scariest professor I'd ever met, two years ago. But as much as he's taught me about how to market and develop a brand, he's also instilled me with the humanitarian aspect of it. He's somebody I've looked up to because not only does he care about you studying for the test, it's 'how are you doing,'" Cunningham said.

As an example, Cunningham remembers a dark time back in the thick of the pandemic.

"It's all about students going out there and pursuing the life they want to pursue - being a go-getter and not listneing to the noise."

~Lucas Cunningham

"That was my hardest time as a sophomore. I remember breaking down in a room and Dr. Greenberg was there to help me through. He taught me more than just the knowledge of how to start a company. He taught me how important it is to be a natural leader and help your employees," Cunningham said.

Cunningham hopes to apply this human-centric vision of leadership not just to his relationship with his employees, but to the business as a whole.

"If I was so focused on money, I wouldn't be doing this. Don't get me wrong—in the long run, we could do really well. But if you just crave money then you probably don't have a lot of that entrepreneur spirit," Cunningham said.

Cunningham's perspective on entrepreneurship is different.

"Money is just something that happens along the path. For me, this is more about our message," he said.

C&B's mantra is "Free Your Journey."

"It's all about students going out there and pursuing the life they want to pursue—being a go-getter and not listening to the noise," Cunningham explained.

"I think that's crucial in today's environment. In the 21st century, we're moving toward this direction where people can be who they want to be. In the last 2,000 years, we lived in a very black-and-white world where it was either 'you do this' or 'you do this.' I like how we're becoming more technicolored and that's where 'Free Your Journey' is going to join onto that message so we can be a company that pushes people to live how they want."

Photos courtesy of Lucas Cunningam

Lucas Cunningham aims for his newly released clothing line to "Free Your Journey" and help inspire customers to pursue the life they want for themselves.

Lauren's Readings: What do the stars hold for you this week?

By: Lauren Robitaille

Aries

There may be delays in a project or event meant to happen soon, but don't get discouraged. Letting the cards fall where they may be the best practice for a bit. Also, make sure messages you are getting are from reliable sources.

Taurus

This week may bring heightened emotions, so be sure to act with both your head and your heart. Be sure to make the time to connect more with your intuition to help with problem solving and difficult situations.

Gemini

It may be time to try new and different avenues for reaching challenging goals. It's good to gather various viewpoints, but be wary of being swayed off of your original path. Keep an open mind while still seeing others' intentions clearly. Ask for the advice from trusted friends and mentors if a person or situation seems unclear.

Cancer

Cancers, this is definitely your time to be at home in nature. Enjoy the changing seasons and the harvests that come with it. This can be in terms of eating more foods that the Earth provides or an influx of financial means that could be coming your way soon.

Leo

This is a time for extra rest and relaxation in between the demands of school, work and people in general. It is key to try to resist feelings of guilt when taking time for yourself, as this time of isolation will benefit your life overall when it's time to get things done.

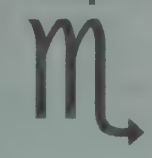
Virgo

You may be torturing yourself about a past situation. Whether what happened was your doing or not, it's important to remember that the past can't be changed but the future is still up to you to decide. This may be the time to check in with yourself and do a bit of shadow work to help heal underlying anxieties.

Libra

It seems as though this Libra season has been treating you well! The seeds you have been planting are finally starting to take shape. Though, it's also important to remember to not become complacent as soon as things start working out. Progress happens when you continuously put work into something.

Scorpio

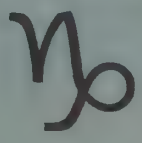


The number 8 may have special significance to you this week, so be on the lookout for that to be a sign that you're on the right path. It may feel at times that things are out of your control, but sometimes that's the universe's way of telling you that you don't need to control everything.

Sagittarius

Creative energy will be coming to you this Friday, so be sure to answer the muse when she calls. Also, your mother or female authority figure may have a specific role in your life this week.

Capricorn



Work/life balance may be bringing you some trouble this week, so it may benefit you to seek the guidance of friends or mentors who have practice in setting boundaries and separating different aspects of life.

Aquarius

A lot of mental growth is about to come your way. This may come in the form of a new opportunity or learning from an old situation that no longer serves you. Try meditation or other forms of relaxation to clear your head in order to inspire specific breakthroughs.

Pisces

Embrace your inner "Mom, I am a rich man" when it comes to situations that require confidence and decisiveness. Feeling secure in your abilities isn't always easy, but daily affirmations and positive self-talk can be a start.

Review: new Fresh Nest menu

Find out about the new boba tea

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This semester the Fresh Nest came out with a new menu. Previously, they featured smoothies and salads to pick up after a hard core workout in the Bower's Center. Now, they limited the smoothies and added boba tea drinks and ramen. Unfortunately, I'm not a huge fan of ramen so this review is solely on the boba drinks. Most likely in the future, there would be a ramen review as well. In addition, the three smoothies are from the old menu and haven't changed, so there isn't much to say except that they're still pretty good. Personally, the Berry Berry Good is my favorite.

Boba is bubble tea from Taiwan. The tea is brewed and poured over tapioca balls and ice, creating a unique drink. The ingredients are poured together in a cup and shaken by hand or machine. It's nice to have boba on campus as other boba shops near campus are in Lancaster and Hershey.

I recently tried a variety of new drinks from both the milk and fruit tea options. As a small disclaimer, my opinion is not the only one out there so if your opinion is different, that's okay. I also didn't have enough time and enough Jay Bucks to try all the drinks, so I chose eight that I thought would have a general idea of the new menu. Also, these eight stood out to me the most and I wanted to try these. Not to mention, I'm not a fan of matcha or coconut. I'm going to rank the drinks out of five, five being most likely to order again.

I also tried these drinks with and without the tapioca pearls in my sips as I think people could still drink the flavors and avoid the pearls.. I personally didn't like some of the tapioca pearls with the flavor that I had.

To start off, the classic milk tea is simple. This light coffee-colored drink is simply black tea with milk and not much flavor. It's a solid note all the way through the experience. Once the tapioca hits, it changes the flavor a bit. Personally, this drink isn't for me as I don't like black tea and milk in general. However, if you like simple and classic flavors, this is your drink. I would give this drink 2/5.

The taro drink is a cute purple drink made from taro roots and milk. To me, the drink kind of tastes like cookies and cream ice cream. There is a subtle spice element to the drink that I can't quite place, but it does add to the tapioca pearls. I think this is one of my favorites that I tried so I'm going to rank this 5/5.

Thai milk is an orange drink that has a vanilla hint with a slight cinnamon taste. The orange color is perfect for this time of year. To be honest, I was tempted to draw a jack-o-lantern face in black sharpie as I was drinking it. The flavor is a solid note with the tapioca pearls. I would love to order this drink again after a day full of pumpkin picking and crunching leaves across campus. 4/5

Strawberry milk tea tastes somewhat close to Starbucks' Pink Drink without the hint of acai and coconut milk. The tapioca replaces those flavors and creates a new flavor. I'm definitely ordering this drink again. 5/5

Before getting into the fruit teas, I should note that there is a verison of the Strawberry flavor without milk. I personally didn't try it but I would assume the taste is similar just without a creamy rich flavor.

MILK TEA

Organic Milk Tea

Thai Tea

Matcha (Green Tea)

Coconut

Taro

FRUIT TEA

Mango

Passion Fruit

Peach

Pineapple

Strawberry

Winter Mellon

Anyway, starting off the fruit teas, the passionfruit tea tastes a lot like fruit punch and strong hints of Trident fruit gum. It was a little on the sweet side for me. The tapioca balls toned down the sweetness a little. However, I think I'll pass on this drink for now and maybe I'll try it again in the spring. 3/5

The orange tea tastes just like the name. It has a few other spices that add to the flavor. The tapioca gives it earthy tones and a subtle kick. It's not one of my favorites but it's okay overall. 2/5

The pineapple tastes a lot like pineapple juice. It's a nice tropical flavor to brighten up your day. I would probably drink this flavor in the spring, or if I need a little pick me up to get through midterms and papers. 4/5

The winter melon tea tastes very similar to Snapple's raspberry iced tea. It wasn't as sweet as the passionfruit tea and I personally didn't think the tapioca balls added to this drink. I think I would prefer this drink without the pearls. So I'll give this drink a 2/5.

Overall, I think there are enough flavors being offered in the Fresh Nest for everyone to find their favorite drinks. I hope the Fresh Nest offers new flavors for me and the rest of the college to try.

Weekly Chirp:

What's going on in the residence halls this semester?

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Since nearly the start of the school year, Elizabethtown College's own app, the Jays' App, has been filled with residential students' complaints over dorm life.

Ranging from stolen shower heads and dorm numbers to numerous wasps in the residential halls, the incidents seem to be never-ending. The Office of Housing and Residence Life have sent numerous emails condemning the thieves and threatening to take financial action, but even this has not slowed down the chaos.

One building in which many of the incidents have occurred is the Schlosser Residence Hall. Schlosser is home to the Honors and Momentum Programs' learning communities as well as an abundance of first-year students. Since move-in, reports from the Jay's app of feces in the shower, and markers and showerheads being stolen have come in.

Behavior-wise, many students have been accounted for not wearing a mask inside the halls and for disrupting quiet hours according to a survey that Campus Life sent out.

Founders Residence Hall, home to the Stonewall, Global Trekkers, Wellness, Business Block and Partners in Engineering communities, is also having issues similar to Schlosser. The main problem is every room number sign on the third floor of the D Tower was removed.

Shortly after, an email from Residential Life was sent to all students residing in Founders stating that if the door numbers were not returned, all students of Founders would be fined for the cost of replacement door signs. The outrage over this email on the Jay's App was enormous. Responses from students were clearly angry and many stated that they would refuse to pay any fine because of another's theft. Luckily, the signs were returned, and the residents of Founders did not have to pay the fine.

A suspected source of the problems can be traced to a TikTok trend called "devious lick." The term originated when on Sept. 1, a TikTok user posted a video claiming to have stolen a box of disposable masks from his high school. He captioned the video, "A month into school...absolutely devious lick." This video got approximately 345,800 views before TikTok took it down, but it set in motion the dangerous trend.

The next video posted shared a similar caption and showed a boy with a hand sanitizer dispenser in his backpack. It managed to get over 7.2 million views before it was removed from the app.

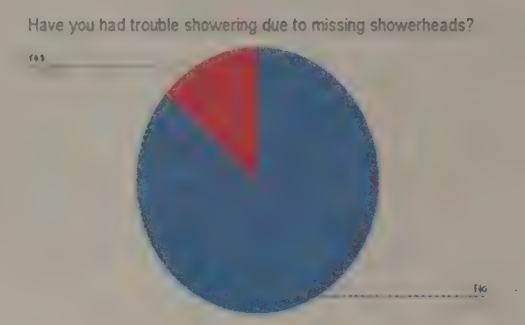
Since then, the trend has exploded all over TikTok with thousands of similar videos being posted, and the items being stolen have escalated from disposable masks to soap dispensers to exit signs. Schools all across the country, mostly at the middle and high school level, are urging students not to participate in the trend, but it does not seem to be working. TikTok has put a ban on the audio most often used in the devious lick videos and has removed all videos with #deviouslick, #deviouslicks and #devious. However, this has not stopped the vandalism, and instead, it just inspired kids to get more creative with how they showed their vandalism.

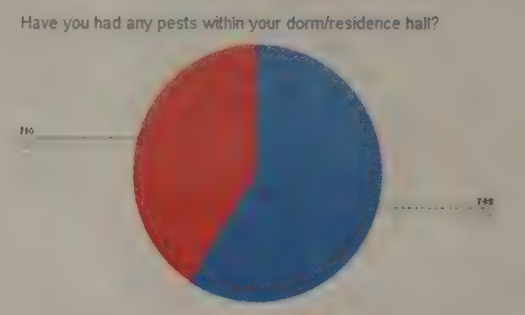
The "devious lick" trend has shown to have disastrous consequences for those caught. At Etown, students are threatened with having to pay for the damaged property, but for a 15-year old boy in Florida who was caught vandalizing a school bathroom, his punishment was far worse than just having to pay a fine. The boy had removed two soap dispensers from the bathroom wall. One was found in a sink, and the other was missing. As a result, he was arrested for criminal mischief and theft.

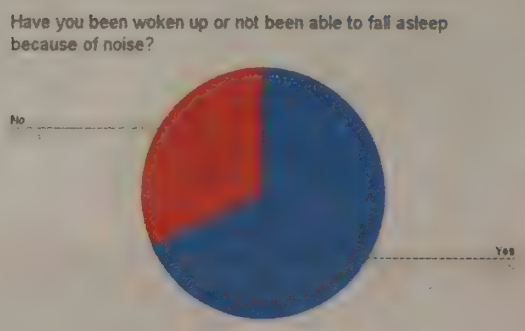
One kindness has come from this trend. A prominent bathroom supplier company, Georgia-Pacific Pro, offered to replace paper towel and soap dispensers as well as toilet paper damaged as a result of the trend all throughout September.

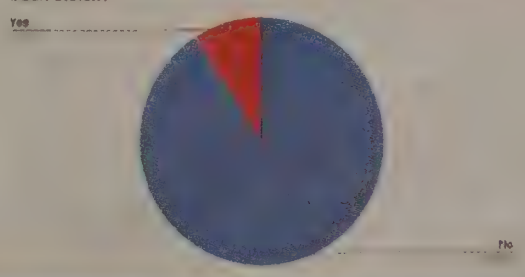
In the Brinser Residence Hall and the Ober Residence Hall, the main issue is the pests that have decided to move into the dorm rooms. Numerous posts on the Jays' App are about students complaining about the wasps taking residence in their rooms, and in one case, a student's blanket. One student reported that dozens of bees were found inside one of the bathrooms, leaving them unusable. These concerns have largely been ignored.

Living on campus will never be perfect, but lately, it seems like the issues and incidents levels are rising at an alarming rate. With work orders repeatedly being ignored and Resident Assistants' authority being ignored, students' frustrations levels are at an all-time high. The question going through many residents' heads is if there is a solution to fix the chaos.









"Etown needs to fix the bee/wasp issue like now."
"I'm disgusted with people not cleaning their messes."
"TERRIBLY messy."
The Jays' Tweets
"The whole devious lick trend is inane and disrespectful."
"I personally think that Etown should give more attention to this issue."
"These kids are in college now, but they sure aren't acting like it."

Welcome to the jungle

The resident squirrels are nuts to see us!

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We've heard that living at Elizabethtown College can be hard sometimes, with classes and laundry and all sorts of human-sounding responsibilities. All that is a little strange sounding to us: we squirrels don't have any problems at all! Everyone at Etown is so nice, especially this time of year when we like to play outside in the cool weather.

Some squirrels in other places seem to be afraid of humans when they come around, but not us! All the students, professors and staff at Etown treat us very nicely. We especially like to hang around by the Peace Garden. Lots of students stop to eat and read under the trees, which is perfect for us! We find lots of yummy snacks on the ground and like to peek at what everyone is reading. Squirrels around the Peace Garden learn a lot about humans from what they're reading. It almost makes us wish we had opposable thumbs so we could write great things too!

Another thing us squirrels love to do is watch people as they walk by. When we aren't climbing trees, you might be able to find us running in between Brinser and Ober. Although we know the humans at Etown would never hurt us, they are a lot bigger than us. Sometimes we run away if you show up suddenly or if you're being too loud. If a human is quiet and calm, though, we might want to sit and watch for a while.

A few of the humans seem to like us just as much as we like them! All the squirrels at Etown love compliments (even if we can be shy about receiving them), so don't be afraid to talk about us! It's nice to be appreciated. We think humans are pretty neat too, with their backpacks and shoes and forks and things.

Since winter is coming, we're starting to get ready for a long nap. In the meantime, we've been having a blast playing in the trees. Sometimes we can get a little loud, but we have to get all our energy out before it gets too cold! At the same time, we are working hard to get ready for winter. We've been gathering food, but we always have time to say hello! If you see us trying to sneak a look at you through the trees, we probably want to see what you're reading. We may not be smart college students, but we have gotten pretty good at reading and love a good book. If you're reading anything special, be sure to bring it with you next time you stop underneath a tree!

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One of the resident squirrels hanging out near Steinman.

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Fall Festivities: Formal Jay

A truly astronomical experience for all attendees at Elizabethtown College's out of this world formal dance

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On Sept. 24th, Elizabethtown College's annual Formal Jay dance, themed 'Out of This World,' was held thanks to the Class of 2024 Senate.

When it was announced, many students were over the moon to finally have a chance to dress up nice, even matching their masks with their outfits, and go out to dance. Tickets were $6, and they sold out hours before the dance began.

For three hours, from 7 to 10 p.m., Koon's Activity Venue (KAV) was transformed into a disco club. The normal lights were turned off and replaced with neon ones to create a more space-like atmosphere. Along with that, guests were given glow bracelets upon entrance to help illuminate the space. Alien blow-up figures were scattered around the room, and a galaxy was projected up on the main wall. Besides the music being played, the loudest thing heard were people taking turns popping the balloons.

Sophomore business major Keely Grimm's favorite part of the dance was getting to take a multitude of photos. Outside, a space-themed backdrop was provided, so everyone could take Instagram photos that made even shooting stars look dull.

"My favorite part of the dance was when my friends and I were doing pictures. I had fun when we did the silly pictures, and the background we did them in front of was so cool," Grimm said.

Sophomore Senate member and Public Relations major Karlie Fromm was tasked with making and controlling the playlist for the dance. She took to social media and put out Google forms where students could give her their song requests. This gave them a voice in the Formal Jay planning process, which is exactly what Student Senate aims to do in all of their projects.

"My favorite song played was 'Fergalicious' by Fergie," Fromm said. "It's a song everyone loves, and it got the whole dance floor moving."

That was not the only song that had attendees grooving around the galaxy. Other classic hits that had even the shyest people dancing like no extraterrestrial was watching include the "Cupid Shuffle," "Cotton-Eye Joe," and the "Cha Cha Slide." At one point during the night, a conga line formed that traveled faster than a lightyear all around the room and on the stage.

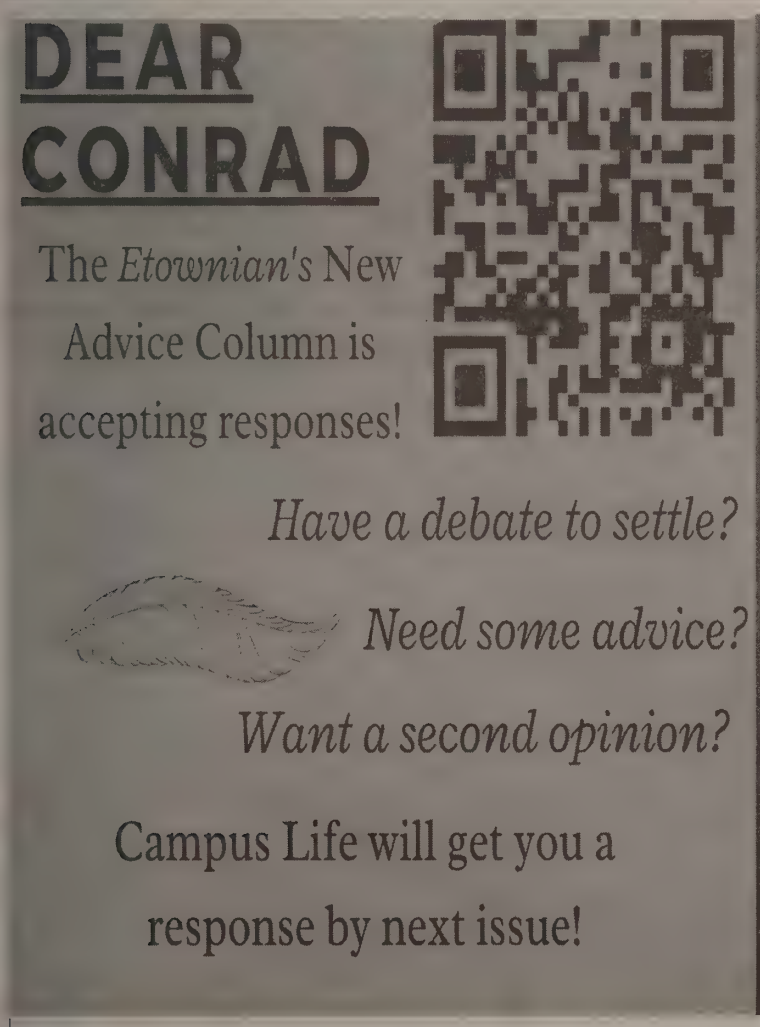
Sophomore history education major Evan Vaughn was one of the many attendees who spent their Friday night dancing until their feet would be hurting for the rest of the weekend. He reveled in the opportunity to be a part of an activity that could still happen safely during the pandemic.

"The best part of the dance was getting an opportunity to socialize in a non-classroom environment with my friends and classmates," Vaughn said.

Vaughn's words looked to be a common consensus among his peers. All the tables set up on the sidelines were filled with people chatting about anything and everything, just happy to have to talk in a non-stress filled environment. Plus, taking a break dancing to talk allowed them to have a chance to munch on some snacks provided by Etown Catering.

For these reasons and many more, the KAV was filled with students from the time the doors opened to when the final song played. For many, this was one of the first big social events they attended since the start of the pandemic.

Whether they were on the floor busting a move for everyone in the cosmos to see or on the sidelines, talking in the starlight, everyone agreed that the dance was truly out of this world.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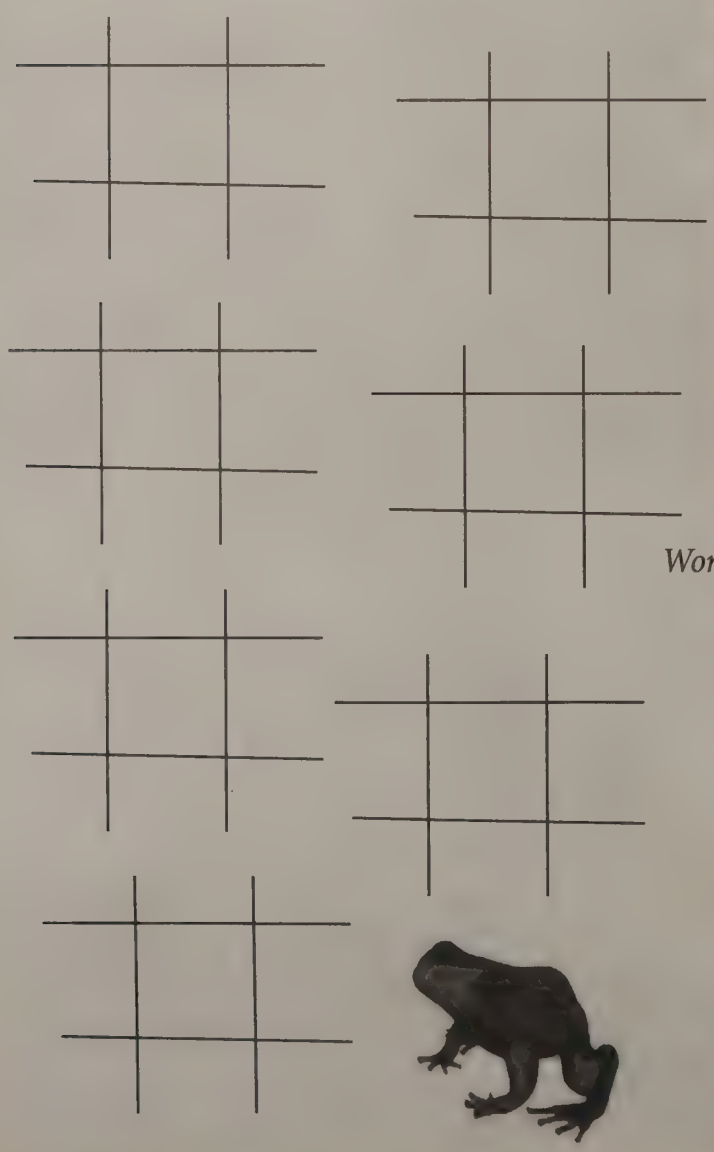
Falling into laughter

Hope these autumn jests tickle your funny bone

How do trees get onto the internet?
They log in.
Why do trees hate tests so much?
Because they get stumped on all the questions!
Who do you get if you drop a pumpkin?
Squash!
If money really did grow on trees, we'd be raking it in!
Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?
Because he was outstanding in his field.
Why shouldn't you tell a joke in a cornfield?
Because the corn has ears.
Who helps pumpkins cross the street?
The crossing gourds.
What did October say to August?
Wake me up when September ends!
What band do autumn vandals listen to?
The Smashing Pumpkins
Did you know when leaves fall off of trees in autumn, it's because of nostalgia?
They're trying to get back to their roots.
Why couldn't the neighbors finish their yard work?
They had too many rakes and pains.
What do you call a family member who works at a pumpkin patch?
A pump-kin!
Why did the robots get married in the fall?
Because they're autumn-mated.
How do you talk in an apple library?
With your in-cider voice.
What name would you give to a large, colorful pile of leaves in Australia?
The Great Barrier Leaf.
What does a pumpkin say when it's surprised?
Oh my gourd!
Why do leaves change color in autumn?
Because instead of chlorophyll, they're chloro-empty.

Tic Tac Toe



See what's Upcoming This week!
10/8 Friday
All Day: Open Heart and Open Arms @ High Library
1pm: Nature Walk @ Center Lower Lounge
10/9 Saturday
9am: Open House th
4pm: Reaching Beyond Your G "Aunt Karen" and the
initiative @ Bowers Waters House
Community Movie Night @ Dell Gazebo
Social Justice and Social Media: Activism and the Digital
Age with TikTok's "Aunt Karen" @ Gibble Auditorium
10/10 Sunday
4pm: Catholic Mass @ Younger Center Bucnik Meeting House
Campus Worship @ Performance Room in Leffler Chap
10/11 Monday
Biology Seminar @ Hoover 110
6:30pm: The Coming Out Monologues @ Gibble Auditorium
10/12 Tuesday:
10am: Safety Zone Training @ McCormick Classroom in High Library
3pm: Mid-Terms & Mud Masks @ Demo Kitchen in Bowers Center
5:30pm: Professional Etiquette Dinner @ Susquehanna Room in Mye
7pm: Movie Night @ Runser Field
10/13 Wednesday:
11am: Majors, Minors, and Co Curricular Learning Fair @ KAV in BS
3:30pm: Pause a 15 minute Guided Meditation @ Hoover 110
3:30pm: Poses & Pumpkins @ Demo Kitchen in Bowers Center
4pm: Mid Autumn Festival @ Maury 328
7pm: Dama Dialogue Series @ Roethler Heritage Room in High Library
10/14 Thursday:
7:30pm: Fake Fireplace @ High Library

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Cross Country takes third place in Long Run

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Saturday Sept. 25, the Elizabethtown College Cross Country team traveled to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa. for the Dickenson Long/ Short Invitational. Both the men and women's teams finished in third place in their longer events.

The longer event for the men is an 8-kilometer run and for the women it is a 6-kilometer run. The men ran against 20 other schools while the women ran against 17.

"Our conference championship and regional championship are both 8k in distance, so our coach wanted us to get some practice and a few races in before that part of the season," senior Christian Schaaf said. "That way we know what the distance is like, how it feels and how to run it."

Hagerstown Community College and Messiah University placed first and second in front of Etown's men.Dickinson College and Misericordia University placed first and second in front of Etown's women's team.

As both teams focused more on the longer runs than the shorter runs, the men placed seventh out of 19 and the women placed 15th out of 18 in the shorter runs.

"Our goal as a team is to qualify for nationals at the end of the season, so some of the schools we really focused on beating were Messiah, York and Dickinson because they are in our region," Schaaf continued.

The men came in only a few points behind Messiah University, who they will continue to work towards defeating. Since Hagerstown Community College is not located in the team's region, they were not very concerned with their performance.

Etown junior Nicholas Garrett placed third overall with a time of 26:28.6 followed by Schaaf who placed eighth overall with a time of 27:22.2. Coming in third for Etown in the 8k was junior Matthew Fick with a time of 28:36.2. Fick placed 23rd overall.

Sophomore Kelty Oaster placed first for the Etown women's team and sixth overall in the 6k with a time of 24:10:4.

Senior Hallie Weaver and junior Madison Webber placed 18th and 21st respectively with times of 25:07.8 and 25:14.4.

"We were about 5 points behind Messiah... as we continue to gain experience I think we have a lot of potential for the rest of the season," Schaaf finished.

The Cross Country team's next meet is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m. The meet will take place at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg PA.

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The Elizabethtown College Cross Country team places in third during the Long Run.

Men's Soccor win first Landmark game

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Sept. 25, in Baltimore, Md.,the Elizabethtown College men's soccer team faced off against Goucher College. During the game, four different players scored as the Blue Jays opened Landmark Conference play with a 4-2 win over Goucher.

With the win, the Blue Jays record changes to five wins, one loss and one tie, while the Goucher Gophers fall to 3-5-1.

During the game, three players had major firsts. Senior Dylan Hairfield, junior Tyler Wagner and first-year Pedro Guizardi all scored the first goal of their soccer careers.

Junior Ryan Hepler also shot at the goal, and scored, changing the score of the game from 3-0 to 4-0. Senior Massimo Mazzella achieved his second assist of the year. Meanwhile junior Mehlucko Letsoalo and first-year Luke Kelly each added an assist of their own.

Hepler wasted little time finding his fourth goal of the season, giving the Blue Jays the early 1-0 advantage in the 11th minute of the game.

After that, Goucher tied the score at one. Hairfield retaliated and took the lead right back in the 35th minute, making the score 2-1. Kelly received a pass and immediately found space down the right side of the field. He then hit a low pass to the outside of the six yard box where Hairfield easily kicked the ball into the back of the net, giving Etown the one goal advantage heading into halftime.

The Blue Jays added to its total score in the 61st minute as Guizardi planted himself in front of the Gophers' goalkeeper on a corner kick. Letsoalo received the ball, and passed it in a service to the front post where Guizardi headed it to the back post for Etown's third goal of the game.

Less than 10 minutes later, Wagner found the ball at his feet on the right side of the Goucher penalty box and took it from there, beating two defenders and the goalie off the dribble before booting the ball into the back of the net, giving Etown a 4-1 lead.

The Gophers would manage to score one more goal, but that is as close as they would get as the Blue Jays open Landmark Conference play with a 4-2 win. This is the second consecutive season that Etown has opened League play with a win after topping Susquehanna 3-1 in 2019's opener.

Junior Kelvin Delcid earned his third win of the season, making five saves on seven shots on goal.

The Blue Jays return home to Ira R. Herr Field on Wednesday, Oct. 6, when they face off against Penn State Berks. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Photo courtsey of Elizabethtown College Athletics

The Men's Soccor team of Elizabethtown College wins at the Landmark Conference.

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On Oct. 3, 2021, in Hershey, Pa., the Hershey Bears announced the initial roster for its 2021 Training Camp, set to open on Monday, Oct. 4 at GIANT Center.

The hockey team hits the ice to begin its 84th season Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m. under new head coach Scott Allen.

This year, the roster looks something like this:

There are 12 Forwards: Kody Clark, Ryan Dmowski*, Shane Gersich, Will Graber, Ben Hawerchuk*, Kale Kessy, Brett Leason, Mason Morelli, Matt Moulson, Joe Snively, Riley Sutter and Yanick Turcotte.

There are eight Defensemen: Macoy Erkamps, Cody Franson, Lucas Johansen, Jake Massie*, Dylan McIlrath, Chaz Reddekopp*, Jordan Subban and Eddie Wittchow.

There are also three Goaltenders: Cedrick Andree*, Ryan Bednard and Hunter Shepard.

*Dmowski, Hawerchuk, Massie, Reddekopp and Andree are all trying out for the Hershey Bears.

This season, Defenseman Bobby Nardella is not on the team's Training Camp roster, as he was sent to Hershey by the club's NHL affiliate, the Washington Capitals, to continue his rehabilitation. He injured his shoulder over the summer, and will not be back on the ice anytime soon. Additional players will be assigned to Hershey by the Capitals as they plan to change up their roster in the coming weeks.

The Bears will open the 2021-22 season, presented by Penn State Health, on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. as they battle the Charlotte Checkers at GIANT Center. Game tickets for October and November home games are on sale now for just $12 for a limited time. Visit HersheyBears.com/tickets/single-game.php for more information.

Photo: Hershey Bears

Annual Marshmallow game at Messiah ends in a tie

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On Wednesday, Sept. 22, in Grantham Pa., the Elizabethtown College men's soccer team faced off against a relentless Messiah College attack all night, battling to a 0-0 draw in the annual Marshmallow Bowl game.

With the tie, the Blue Jays record changed to four wins, one loss and one draw on the season while the Messiah Falcons, who are currently ranked fourth in Division III in the most recent United Soccer Coaches poll, remain unbeaten at 4-0-2.

This match between Etown and Messiah is only the third tie in the rivalry. The rivalry dates all the way back to 1980. The Marshmallow Bowl is a unique tradition in college athletics. For nearly thirty years, fans from both Etown and Messiah College have thrown thousands of marshmallows onto the field during the annual faceoff.

After a scoreless opening half, Messiah started playing even more aggressively in the second half, outshooting Etown eight shots to just one single shot. The Blue Jays still held strong only allowing one of the eight shots to be on goal.

Once the game ended with a draw of 0-0, overtime began. In overtime, Messiah managed to take six shots but were unable to score as the Etown defense earned its third consecutive clean sheet and fourth overall, tying Messiah 0-0.

Junior Kelvin Delcid made three saves for the Blue Jays. Delcid has only allowed two goals on the year and is second in the Landmark Conference with a 0.47 goals-against average.

Senior Jared Pavlovich was not forced to make any saves for the Falcons in the draw.

Etown continues Landmark Conference play on Wednesday, Oct. 6 when they take on Penn State Berks on Ira R. Herr field. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball win 3-0

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On Wednesday, Sept. 22, Elizabethtown College faced Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. At the end of the game, it was realized that junior Gianna Krinock had a match-high 10 kills as the Etown women's volleyball team topped Wilson, 3-0, in non-conference action.

With the win, the Blue Jays record improves to six wins and four losses, while Wilson falls to zero wins and four losses overall.

During the match, senior Rileigh Hudock had a match-high 10 assists, meanwhile teammate sophomore Kambrie Hepler tallied nine digs.

In the opening set of the first match, Etown started out with an impressive run out to a 15-5 lead capped off by an ace from sophomore Katie Scaggs. The lead was also increased, due to back-to-back kills from freshman Lily Johnson and sophomore Georgianna Kahley.

The Blue Jays did not allow the Phoenixes to find any momentum in the first set and ended the first set with a final score 25 for Etown and 11 for Wilson.

Wilson started to come back in the second set and smashed an early three-point advantage (10 points to seven points).

Etown retaliated aggressively, and started on an exciting 15-3 run to take back complete control of the frame. As the second set was going on, first-year Karlee Ray tallied five kills throughout the match. The Blue Jays continued to rally to a 2-0 lead with a 25-17 win in the second.

This is the fifth consecutive straight-set victory of the season for Etown. During the third match, Etown started off strongly cruising out to an early 16-9 advantage in the set. The Phoenixes would not even come close to Etown's lead. The Blue Jays completed their sixth win of the season with a 25-14 victory in the final set.

Etown returns to Thompson on Wednesday, Oct. 6 against Messiah College at 11 a.m.

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College Athletics

Against Wilson College, the Women's Volleyball team cleared the win.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Christian Schaaf

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Senior Christian Schaaf has been running for most of his life. He began running around the age of 12 when his mom, a former long-distance runner in high school, inspired him to start running.

"One of the first races I did, I did in honor of my aunt…who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She did this one race every year on Thanksgiving, but she couldn't do it that year because of the cancer," Schaaf said. "My mom and I decided to run the race in her honor, and I feel like that's when it really clicked that I wanted to start running."

Schaaf's favorite part about being on the cross-country team is the close-knit atmosphere of the team. He enjoys being able to connect with his teammates over their common passion of running.

After graduating, Schaaf plans to join a running club in his local community to continue being active and engaging with his passion of running. "One of my goals is [to] run the Boston Marathon so after college I might take some time off to give my body a rest and then begin training for that."

Q&A

Class Year: 2022
Major: Public Relations and Graphic Design
Hometown: Phoenixville, Pa.
High school: Phoenixville Area High School
Favorite Jays Nest item: Egg Jay on a bagel
Favorite movie: Forrest Gump
Favorite artist: Coldplay
Favorite sports team: Philadelphia Flyers
Favorite place to visit: Valley Forge Park
Favorite Etown memory: Movie nights in Ober sophomore year
Greatest Etown accomplishment: Being named an Emergent Scholar
Hardly anyone knows that… Christian is a twin
Christian started running when he was… 12

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OT professor gives Kreider Prize lecture

Photo courtesy of Etown Campus News
Dr. Ericksen was awarded the Kreider Prize for her education philosophy.

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Thursday, Oct. 7 associate professor of occupational therapy (OT) Dr. Judy Beck Ericksen was awarded the Kreider Prize for Teaching Excellence for 2020-2021. She has been teaching at Elizabethtown College for 15 years.

The event took place in the Susquehanna Room beginning with a reception at 7:00 p.m. The main event of the evening began 30 minutes later.

Ericksen was presented her award and then given the floor to talk to the gathered crowd. The crowd was made up of her friends and family, colleagues and students. Ericksen started by talking about her initial reaction to the news of receiving the award, as well as reading the Campus News description.

Then she went into her philosophy of teaching.

She sees education as intervention composed of three components. The first piece is the content. Nearly every classroom Ericksen has been in both as a student and professionally have been teacher-centered, where the teacher is seen as the expert. One day, a student asked Ericksen how the concept the class was discussing connected to psychology.

Not knowing the answer, she asked the student, "Well what do you think?"

Ericksen said she would investigate and get the answer for the student.

"I became comfortable with the process of not knowing everything and learning together. You don't have to be an expert, we can learn together," Ericksen said.

From that one interaction with her student, she started leading her classroom student-centered and found it to be working a lot better. She refers to this approach to teaching as the flipped classroom because it is focused around the students and the teacher learning. The teacher is a facilitator as compared to the all-knowing expert.

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Controversy after TPUSA event cancelled on campus

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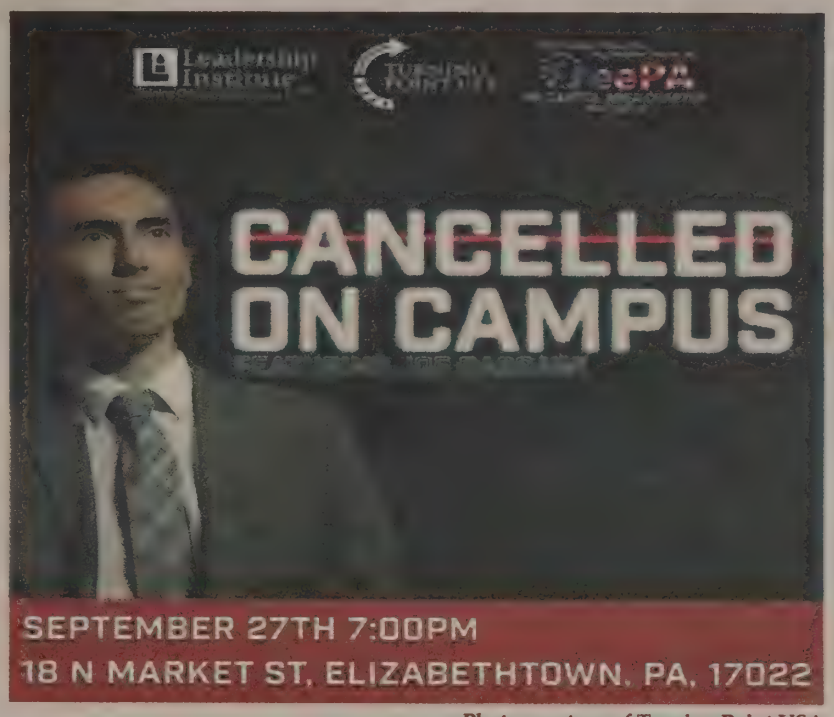

Photo courtesy of Turning Point USA
TPUSA's original on-campus event would have featured guest speaker Joe Basrawi giving a lecture on critical race theory.

The Elizabethtown College chapter of Turning Point USA (TPUSA) planned to host an event on campus Monday, Sept. 27 that featured guest speaker Joe Basrawi. Basrawi is a representative of TPUSA, which is a non-profit organization that seeks to advocate for conservative values in high schools and college campuses.

What seemed like a typical event for club members soon transformed into a controversy on campus and on social media.

According to the organization's website, TPUSA was founded in 2012 by conservative activist Charlie Kirk with the goal to educate students about conservative beliefs and to organize and empower young conservative activists. The organization currently has 2500 chapters in high school and colleges nationwide.

The organization is known for its "Professor Watch List," which aims to expose liberal college and university professors for discriminating against conservative students.

Joe Basrawi describes himself as a Jewish conservative political commentator who actively works for TPUSA. Etown's chapter had organized for Basrawi to be a guest speaker on campus where he planned to discuss critical race theory (CRT). However, the event, entitled "Critical Hate Theory," was cancelled by Dean of Students and Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez on Thursday, Sept. 23.

Etown TPUSA Chapter President Alexander Russo said that he had a meeting with Gonzalez regarding the event. The official reason given for the event's cancellation was that the club did not follow the proper protocol regarding advertising an event before it was approved.

However, in an interview on Sunday, Oct. 10, Russo explained some additional reasons for the cancellation, including having a "disruptive" speaker and fears that an event disparaging CRT would further marginalize students and divide the community.

Gonzalez did not respond to multiple requests for an interview. However, during the most recent Student Senate meeting Thursday, Oct. 7, Gonzalez addressed her decision to cancel the on-campus event, citing that the event was being advertised before it was officially approved. She said she was open to any feedback and questions from students.

"We were extremely upset and discouraged about our ability to have our voice here on our campus," Russo said. "We thought the [C]ollege was breaking their oath to protect and support all voices amongst their students."

The reaction on social media was immediate. Basrawi tweeted the same day about the canceled event and Gonzalez's alleged reasons for the cancellation. Student reactions ranged from relief to outrage.

"I was happy that the event was cancelled on campus," senior political science and environmental science double major Dylan Kezele said. "Critical race theory is an academic theory, and [Basrawi] did not have the qualifications to speak on it."

Russo noted that the cancellation went semi-viral in the conservative community, and he was pleasantly surprised at the support from students who do not necessarily agree with TPUSA's beliefs but disagreed with the cancellation. However, he found Basrawi's response on social media to be "extremely unprofessional."

The story does not end there. Russo sent out an email to members of TPUSA to inform them of the event's cancellation, but that plans were made to instead have Basrawi speak off-campus at the Moose Lodge on N Market Street on the same day as the original on-campus event. The event, now entitled "Cancelled on Campus," also picked up two new sponsors, the Leadership Institute and FreePA, which helped with promotion.

On Monday, Sept. 27, the same day as the now off-campus event, Etown's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) released a statement on their Instagram page entitled "A Statement Addressing the Current Racial Climate."

"...The Elizabethtown College Chapter of the NAACP will work every day to ensure people who engage in rhetoric that assaults marginalized and underrepresented students' identities/livelihoods or hate speech rhetoric towards any identity will be held accountable for their actions," it read. "Our call to action is to educate yourselves and your peers...Racism and hatred will only end when we all acknowledge it and attack it."

Russo explained that at the beginning of the event, he gave a short introduction before Basrawi officially began his lecture.

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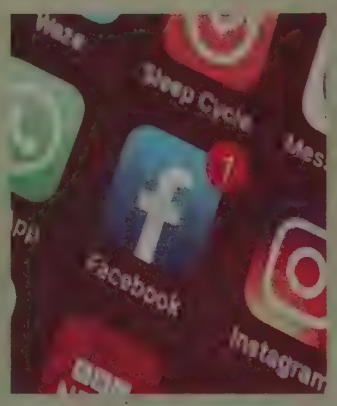
Local family looking for an in home part time sitter for their two year old son. Mom works from home. The job would be for three days a week from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location is within walking distance of campus on North Mount Joy Street. Please call or text Jordan at 717-947-0309 if interested. The rate is $15/hr.

TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.



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It's unlikely that any users were on Instagram, Facebook or Whatsapp on Monday at approximately 12 p.m. on Monday Oct. 4.

These three apps, as well as other websites that fall under Facebook's domain, were down for about five hours, causing many users to flock to other apps like Twitter or TikTok.

The crash made many users realize just how dependent they are on social media to fill gaps in their free time.

Facebook said that the issues were all due to errors in communication in its infrastructure system. The apps and their respective websites came online once a team was able to gain access to computer servers and reset them.

Unfortunately, the reset couldn't fix the other issues that Facebook is facing.

Former Facebook product manager Frances Haugen is a whistleblower who testified before the U.S. Senate on Tuesday Oct. 5, alleging that Facebook knew about the negative impact that it had on its young users, going as far as to say that they targeted children.

Haugen argued that the government should regulate Facebook and its founder Mark Zuckerberg.

She also claimed that the company holds reports that would be essential to national security, suggesting that they are not disclosing the full details to the U.S. Congress.

However, the corporation denies Haugen's report, stating that Haugen did not work in child safety and had no involvement in the higher levels of the company, implying that her information was inaccurate.

Haugen acknowledged that she did not work directly on these issues, but also stated that the documents that she leaked were available to all employees in the company.

The hearing raises questions that have long been floating around the issue of Facebook, such as how the government can regulate the technology industry.

The main concern coming from the testimony, however, is the impact that social media has on youth, especially young girls. Researchers and parents have long been aware of the negative mental health effects that apps such as Instagram and Facebook have, and yet there have not been any large-scale efforts to regulate these apps.

The Federal Trade Commission is also suing Facebook, arguing that the company is in violation of antitrust laws. These laws help to stop monopolies from forming and they also help to make sure that there is fair trade.

On Monday Oct. 4, Facebook filed a motion to throw out the suit. The litigation is piling up against Facebook. In the future, some change will have to be made, either by the company or the government.

On the other hand, Google has announced that it will be pulling ads from YouTube that spread false claims about climate change.

This announcement comes after YouTube said that it would be pulling videos that spread misinformation about vaccines last Wednesday. The ban has led many to applaud Google's steps to stop misleading videos on YouTube and prompted users to call on Facebook to also remove ads that contain misinformation from their site.

The technology industry has certainly had an eventful week, and the events that transpired will certainly have an effect on all users.

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Ericksen discusses education as intervention in award speech

Ericksen remarked she has been noticing many more student-centered classrooms in recent years than there had been when she was growing up.

The second component is to be there in the moment.

"I want [my students] to know I see them as competent, regardless of grades. I see them as they are, including who they are outside the classroom," Ericksen said.

Being present also means knowing when to push the students and when to encourage them. It is all about listening to them and their needs. It's important to be alert and aware of students' actions at all times to prevent a crisis, Ericksen explained, reflecting on her own experience.

The last piece is the relationship between students and the teacher. Students learn better when they have a connection with the teacher, even if the content does not interest them. The students become more engaged when they have a good relationship with the teacher.

"Maybe it's about what we make people feel, not what we tell them," Ericksen said.

At the end of the event, there was time for questions.

When asked what advice she would give to a new teacher, Ericksen said, "Teaching can be so isolating. It's so easy to get caught up in lesson plans and evaluations. The more you get out and see, the better, and you'll find there's lots of people there to help you."

Ericksen had mentioned during her lecture, she spent many hours observing classrooms with her work as an OT. She knew in order to become a better OT, she had to be in a classroom. There was a time she wanted to be a special education teacher, and even got her master's degree in special education.

A few others asked questions to clarify what Ericksen had said in her lecture. The event concluded and many of the attendees came up to congratulate her on receiving this honor.

Living with her philosophy education as intervention, Ericksen said, "I still have lessons to learn, and thankfully I have students to help me learn."

Pennsylvania Politics

This monthly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In a little over one year from now, the country will be flocking back to the polls for the pivotal 2022 midterm elections.

All eyes will be on Pennsylvania, as the battleground state could prove to be the deciding factor in whether the Democrats can retain their hold of the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., or the Republicans will take back control.

Two-term Republican Senator Pat Toomey confirmed the rumors of his pending retirement at the end of his current term in early October of 2020. Toomey is a staunch supporter of former President Donald Trump and so the move casts a major hit to the GOP's plan to stay competitive statewide in Pennsylvania, which saw President Joe Biden win against incumbent President Trump by just over 80,000 votes in the 2020 November General Election.

When asked about his decision to retire following his current term, Toomey said, "I've made a decision, it's not going to change, and I want everybody to know."

He also stated that he is "cautiously optimistic" about his party's chances to hold his seat.

Former President Donald Trump has wasted no time throwing his weight into the high-profile Senate race, endorsing Sean Parnell, an Army veteran who lost his 2020 US House bid to Rep. Connor Lamb (D-PA 17th District).

However, Parnell has received backlash from fellow Republican Senate candidate, Businessman Jeff Bartos, who called Parnell "unelectable" and is deeply troubled by previous statements and actions Parnell has made towards women.

Other notable Republican candidates for Senate include political commentator Kathy Barnette and former Ambassador to Denmark and Economic Advisory Council Member Carla Sands. Sands previously served under Trump from Dec. 2017 to Jan. 2021.

On the other side of the aisle, the Democratic Party of Pennsylvania is "extremely optimistic" about their chances to send another Democratic Senator to the U.S. Capitol. As of now, four names top the power-rankings to become the Democratic nominee for the US Senate in 2022.

Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman, who is widely leading in early fundraising and spending numbers, is a progressive who commonly vocalizes his support for legalizing marijuana, universal healthcare and vehemently opposes the filibuster. Fetterman has the name recognition throughout the Commonwealth to aid his campaign moving forward to next November.

Another top democratic contender, Representative Conor Lamb (D-PA 17th district), leads as the party's most centrist candidate. Representing constituents from north and west of Pittsburgh, Lamb is no stranger to conservative-leaning ideas.

Lamb has recently drawn criticism from the more progressive members of his party for his defense of hydraulic fracking, an oil and gas development process that has been proven to cause immense harm to the environment if not strictly regulated. Lt. Governor John Fetterman, a proclaimed progressive, also supports hydraulic fracking.

State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta is also among the top contenders for the Democratic nomination next November. A rising star within the Democratic Party, Kenyatta, who represents northern Philadelphia, is running a grassroots progressive campaign on the back of the social justice movement.

If elected, at just 31 years of age, Kenyatta would be the youngest member of the United States Senate.

Val Arkoosh, a former physician and now Chair of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, rounds out the list of notable contenders for the Democratic nomination. Being a former doctor, Arkoosh heavily centers her campaign around health care. An Affordable Care Act reformist, and strong advocate for the rights to an abortion, Arkoosh has attracted the endorsement of EMILY's List, the largest PAC which seeks to help elect pro-choice women into office. If elected, Arkoosh would become the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from the state of Pennsylvania.

With inner-party conflict on the Republican side, and a vastly diverse ideological field on the Democratic side, both vying for an open-seat, Cook Political Report places the 2022 Pennsylvania US Senate race at the "center of the 2022 Senate map."

Voters in Pennsylvania, and across the country, will vote in the midterm election on Nov. 8 of 2022, in what will be the first major national test for the Biden administration. Until then, voters are expected to return to the polls on Nov. 2 for the upcoming election.

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TPUSA guest speaker event held off campus

Throughout his speech, Basrawi casted doubts on Gonzalez's qualifications regarding her decision to cancel the on-campus event and discussed his opposition to CRT being implemented in schools. He ended with a Q&A segment with the audience.

Russo called the event "a blast" and is looking forward to having more events in the future.

"I do not plan on creating further discourse, unless it is absolutely necessary, by having events off campus and criticizing the [C]ollege. We very much look forward to working with the administration in the future," he said.

Looking back at the controversy, Kezele believes overall that the College handled the event the right way, although he wishes that administration had put out an official statement about the event's cancellation to provide more context to students.

Kezele is also not happy with TPUSA's presence as a club on campus, especially regarding the organization's recent propagation of COVID-19 misinformation.

"I don't have any issues with conservatives or conservative views, but Turning Point's rhetoric is harmful to students on campus," he said. "The club's existence on campus is antithetical to Etown's goal of diversity and inclusion."

Kreider Prize recipient Dr. Judy Ericksen profile

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Dr. Judy Beck Ericksen has been teaching at Elizabethtown College since 2007.

Previously she taught as an adjunct at George Mason University, George Washington University, Gallaudet University and Shenandoah University. As an Occupational Therapist (OT), she has worked in many states including Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Michigan, Virginia and Washington D.C.

She received her OT degree from Etown in 1980. At first, Ericksen wanted to go into teaching, but at the time there was an overflow of teachers. Her dad told her she wouldn't get a job because of so many teachers. The College was starting OT as a new program and her mom worked there, so Ericksen knew all the details. Ericksen enjoys hands-on activities and OT was a natural fit for her to choose.

When she became a therapy specialist in Virginia, she realized she really liked supporting young therapists.

"I really liked mentoring students and helping them find their way, so it seemed logical to go into teaching," Ericksen said.

The core of her teaching is the relationships between students and herself.

"It's how you build it. It's important to stay current with material and students. The feedback you get from them is critical," Ericksen said.

It's no surprise the best part of teaching for her is the students.

"You think about something a certain way, then the students help you think about it in a different way," Ericksen said.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Oct. 7 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with administrative reports, starting with Dean of Students and Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez. Gonzalez began with addressing her recent choice to cancel the guest speaker Joe Basrawi that planned to come to campus as a part of an event with Elizabethtown College's chapter of Turning Point USA. Gonzalez mentioned that there were a few reasons that led to this ultimate decision, one of these reasons being that this speaker event was being advertised before going through final approval.

Gonzalez also addressed the recent bias related incident that occurred in an occupational therapy class where a professor used a racial slur. She said that this incident is being investigated and handled. While the professor was not named, it was made known this professor was an adjunct and will not be returning to the classroom.

Associate Dean of Students Jenn Crowder spoke on behalf of the Office of Student Activities. She spoke about upcoming activities on campus, such as mocktails and karaoke which was held in the Bower's Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being, along with Conrad's Corner.

Director of Housing & Residence Life Jenn Azevedo had an update, noting that applications to become a Residential Assistant for the 2022-23 school year are now open. Applications can be via the student employment portal on the College's website or a link to the application has been posted on the Jay's App.

Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Ellis Bonds announced that his last day at the College will be Oct. 25. Prior to his departure, he will host Safe Zone Training on Oct. 12 and 21 at 10 a.m. in the McCormick Classroom located within the High Library. In honor of National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, a panel entitled "Coming Out Stories: The Different Narratives" will feature Dr. Dawnielle Simmons, Dr. Evan Smith, Bonds and sophomore Samhar Almomani as speakers.

Associate Dean for Student Counseling and Health Needs Bruce Lynch spoke first about the retirement of College Health Liaison Eileen Wagener. The College will have a new nurse Katie Frey beginning Oct. 18. She will be located at Sycamore Square.

Questions were raised about making rapid COVID-19 tests available for students on campus. Lynch noted that they can't have students utilizing rapid COVID-19 tests that are available to student-athletes as they do not have enough people available to administer the tests. He also said that the College is looking to order self-administered COVID-19 tests; however, these tests are in short supply, which has delayed the College's ability to order them.

Center for Student Success representative Curtis Smith spoke that midterm progress reports were just wrapped up and Starfish notifications went out to all students.

Moving into students' comments and announcements, Executive Cabinet Secretary Jalen Belgrave took the podium speaking about how Student Senate has become so focused on event planning that it's motto of "advocating for students rights" has not been the priority. He explained that Student Senate needs to be challenging the institution to do better and holding faculty and staff to a higher standard.

Committee updates all pertained to the final planning stages for homecoming.

For new business, the ad-hoc Student Workers Committee presented their resolution to be sent to the Senior Leadership Team, which would propose that the minimum wage on campus be raised to $10 an hour.

A vote was taken to move into an executive session.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all of the campus community.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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Vice President of the Philippines Leni Robredo filed paperwork to run for president on Oct. 7 as President Rodrigo Duterte's term nears its expiration.

In the election, Robredo will run as a member of the Liberal Party against Ferdinand "Bongbong" Romualdez Marcos Jr. Marcos Jr. is currently a member of the Philippine Democratic Party—People's Power. He previously served in the Senate of the Philippines from 2010 to 2016. Marcos Jr. will run with the support of the Kilusang Bagong Lipunan Party, which was founded by the late Marcos in 1978.

In addition to Marcos Jr., Robredo will run against Leody de Guzman, Norberto Gonzales, Panfilo Lacson, Manila Isko Moreno and Manny Pacquiao.

Previously, Robredo defeated Marcos Jr. in the 2016 vice presidential race. She won 35.11 percent of the vote, compared to Marcos Jr. who won 34.47 percent of the vote.

Filipino residents expect that a similar close call will occur again in 2022 when the two candidates run against each other and other candidates for President of the Philippines. Robredo and Marcos Jr. are expected to be the frontrunners in the 2022 presidential race.

Robredo has made a name for herself as vice president. As Robredo is a member of the opposition party, she has often clashed with Duterte, a member of the Philippine Democratic Party—People's Power.

Similarly, Marcos Jr. has been criticized by Robredo as she criticized his late father former Filipino dictator Ferdinand Marcos, as well as emphasized on Marcos Jr.'s refusal to apologize for his late father's human rights violations from 1972 to 1981.

Robredo previously served as a lawyer and member of the Philippine House of Representatives, as well as an activist for democratic values and human rights. She also served as Chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and currently serves as Co-Chairperson of the Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drugs alongside Aaron Aquino.

In reaction to Marcos Jr.'s candidacy, left wing activists have protested against him, but Marcos Jr. has not backed down, stating that he was ready to go up against Robredo, who he lost to previously, and other candidates.

Marcos Jr. has also faced backlash as of late, specifically regarding his now deceased father. Marcos served as President of the Philippines from 1965 to 1986 and from 1972 to 1981, he utilized martial law to enact a dictatorship. Subsequently, Marcos was accused of human rights violations throughout his term.

While Marcos refused to admit wrongdoing, a Hawaiian court determined that Marcos was guilty of human rights violations in 1995. The court awarded $2 billion from Marcos' estate to compensate approximately 9,000 defendants.

The actions of Marcos have caused distrust in Marcos Jr., which Robredo has emphasized in her past and current campaigns against him.

The 2022 presidential race in the Philippines is expected to be a close call, just as the vice presidential race between front runners Robredo and Marcos Jr. was in 2016. The election will be held on May 9 of 2022, marking the seventeenth presidential election in the Philippines since 1935.

Curtis Smith is no Sidney Poitier

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Imagine you're a special education teacher in a public school. You live on a farm in the middle of nowhere, far away from the classroom and it's summer to boot. Yet, down the road pedals one of your students on a bicycle. He wants to chat.

What do you do?

Alright, now imagine you're a Black engineer from British Guiana. You've just immigrated to London and are having some trouble landing a job. For the time being, you settle on teaching a class of underprivileged high schoolers on the East End. They don't want to be there, and they don't want you to be there either.

What do you do?

The first of these scenarios comes from the life of Elizabethtown College's Assistant Director of Academic Advising Curtis Smith. The second situation is out of the life of Mr. Thackeray, the main character of a 1967 movie called "To Sir, With Love." Thackeray is played by Sidney Poitier, an actor with such coursing charisma that he became the first Black man to win an Oscar three years earlier.

Curtis Smith is no Sidney Poitier. He'd be the first to admit it. In fact, he did admit, writing an essay literally called, "I'm No Sidney Poitier" which was picked up in "A Harp in the Stars: An Anthology of Lyric Essays," earlier this month.

Smith explains that the Anthology's compiler, essayist Randon Billings Noble collected essays which used unconventional forms.

Smith says, "My essay is considered a 'braided essay' because it weaves a couple different storylines and narratives together."

What are the storylines being weaved? His essay interplays the relative simplicity of how Thackeray inspires and changes the lives of his students and (obvious spoilers) vice versa, with the challenges of real-life education.

Smith worked as a special learning teacher at Central Dauphin East High School in Harrisburg, Pa. for close to a quarter of a century until 2015.

"The majority of my career was spent in something called a resource room where my students were in the mainstream for the most part. So instead of going to study hall, they'd come see me," he said.

Smith attributes watching "To Sir, With Love" as an eight-year-old as "a motivation for becoming a teacher." It served as an early sign of his calling.

Smith and Thackeray's situations are different, of course. Thackery had a single school year to make adults out of his rowdy classroom. Smith had four (and before Central Dauphin East Middle School split off from CD East High, he had a whopping six years to build connections with his students). Thackeray taught standard education while Smith taught special, though both served a relatively economically disadvantaged student body. Finally, Thackeray lived on the silver screen while Smith resides in a more confusing dimension called reality.

"The students I remember most were the ones who overcame."

~Curtis Smith

"I didn't have [Sidney Poitier's] charisma," Smith said, "but I think there's something to be said for the everyday steady work of a teacher."

"A school needs all different folks. It needs the coach, and it needs the hard-ass and it needs guys like me who are more laid back," he said.

Smith served at a time when American special education underwent radical change.

"Listen to grandpa," Smith chuckled. "When I started, there were three [special learning teachers] for grades seven through 12. When I retired in 2015, we were just grades nine through 12 because the high school split, and I think there were 17 of us."

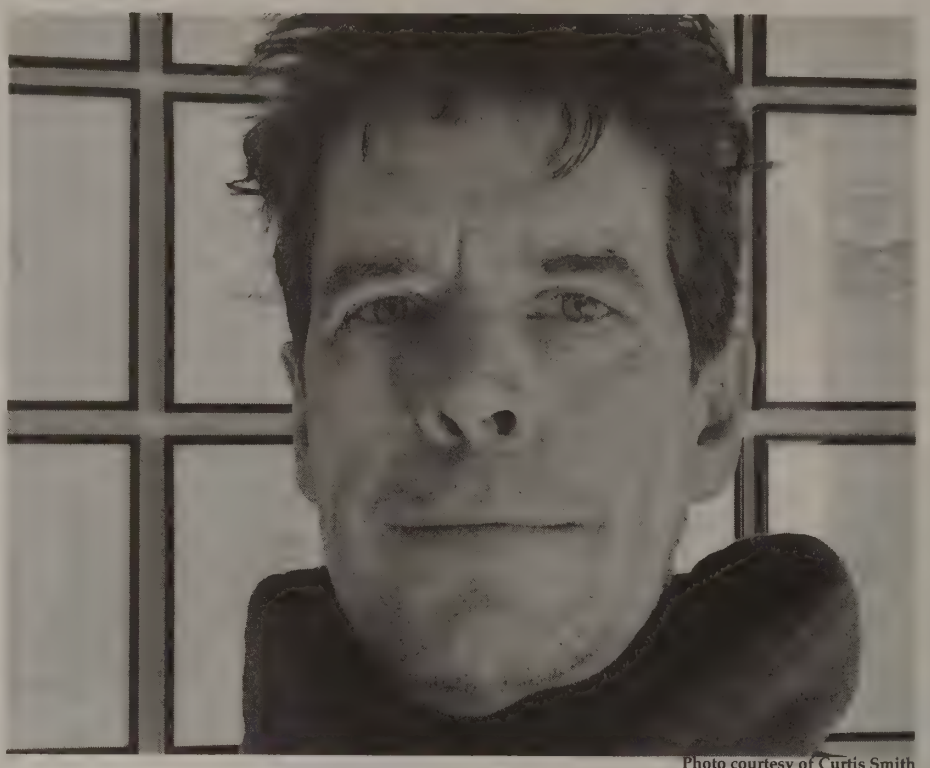

Photo courtesy of Curtis Smith

Etown's Assistant Director of Academic Adivising Curtis Smith got an essay published about his time as a special education teach at Central Dauphin East High School.

He attributes this growth to increased understanding of what students require to succeed.

"We came to recognize other kinds of needs. The population grew and we also learned how to service them better," he said.

Part of Smith appreciates the massive differences between teaching high school and teaching college first-year seminars.

He joked, "This is a great second act. Sometimes now I give my students a prompt and they do it and I think back to high school and think, 'Oh my gosh, they'd be setting the room on fire.'"

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~Curtis Smith

But Smith is grateful for his time at Central Dauphin and for his students and their journeys.

He said, "The students I remember most were the ones who overcame."

Smith's final verdict of education?

"It's not as exciting as the movie. It's a lot of lunch duty and waiting for the copy machine to not be jammed anymore. But if you look at overall satisfaction, I can't imagine a career that would have left me more fulfilled."

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Curtis Smith was influenced to become a teacher by Sidney Poitier's portrayal of Mr. Thackeray in "To Sir, With Love."

TikTok Activist speaks at Etown

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Bowers Writers House hosted famous TikTok user "Aunt Karen" on Oct. 9. Denise Bradley is a 32-year-old social rights activist from Detroit, Mich. who assumed the role as "Aunt Karen."

Inspired by the 2020 Presidential Election and the racial tension across social media platforms, Bradley wanted to take a stand against misinformation and discrimination.

"Aunt Karen" and her social justice efforts have established a platform of 1.3 million followers; the following continues to grow daily as she pushes for accountability against racist ideals and persons.

Bradley was formally in Human Resources (HR). As a HR employee, Bradley noticed that she was not a person that she wanted to be. For example, Bradley explained that she would police people or fire someone due to a policy that she did not support.

She decided to leave this pathway to follow her own beliefs and opinions.

Bradley became a social media activist in 2019 because of the racial tension in society.

Originally, creating TikToks was only a fun way to pass time; however, when on social media, Bradley realized that there was no accountability for those creating racial tension.

She claimed to witness individuals saying racist remarks on social media with no consequence.

When COVID-19 hit, Bradley decided to focus her videos on advocating against social injustices and racism.

Now, creating this content on TikTok is her full time career.

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>
> *~Denise Bradley*

Inspired to make a difference, Bradley began creating videos that stood-up for minority groups or persons.

"I started calling out videos that I saw on the internet and people started calling me a 'Karen' which has a negative sense. I said, 'Why don't I take that name and brand it?' Be a Karen that stands up for the little guy, against racism, transphobia, homophobia all of those things," Bradley explained.

She wanted to teach about how racism looks in various situations.

Bradley also aims to help others realize that they can stand-up against ideals or situations that they do not agree with.

Bradley noted that her discussions are ones that people are hesitant to talk about.

Her videos often focus on racism, homophobia and transphobia which are considered "touchy subjects." Bradley views her platform as an opportunity to reveal these issues, regardless of the feelings associated with them.

As her videos have become successful, Bradley notes that it is due to her authenticity regarding the subjects. She states that she simply gives the information and then provides her response.

Bradley's content is mostly inspired by what her fanbase wants her to talk about.

She will receive direct messages (DMs), or the "Aunt Karen" account will be tagged on a specific video or issue.

Bradley noted that it can be overwhelming to receive the issues her fans want her to cover.

She emphasizes the necessity for self care to support herself mentally while doing this job.

Bradley also enjoys speaking in smaller settings, like at Elizabethtown College, to help grow her brand.

While at these events, she wants others to recognize how she applies her resources for advocacy purposes.

"I want people to gain an understanding on how I'm able to utilize TikTok and further the message of unity.

Also, that racism is still around and to hopefully get more people interested in seeing racism exposed," Bradley explained.

"Aunt Karen" is planning on expanding to other social media platforms: like Instagram and YouTube.

There is potential for "Aunt Karen" to receive her own television show as well.

Overall, the platform that Bradley has created shows a lot of potential.

Bradley credits social media to her success and the growing "Aunt Karen" following.

"Without social media, I wouldn't have been able to reach this many people as fast as I have," Bradley said.

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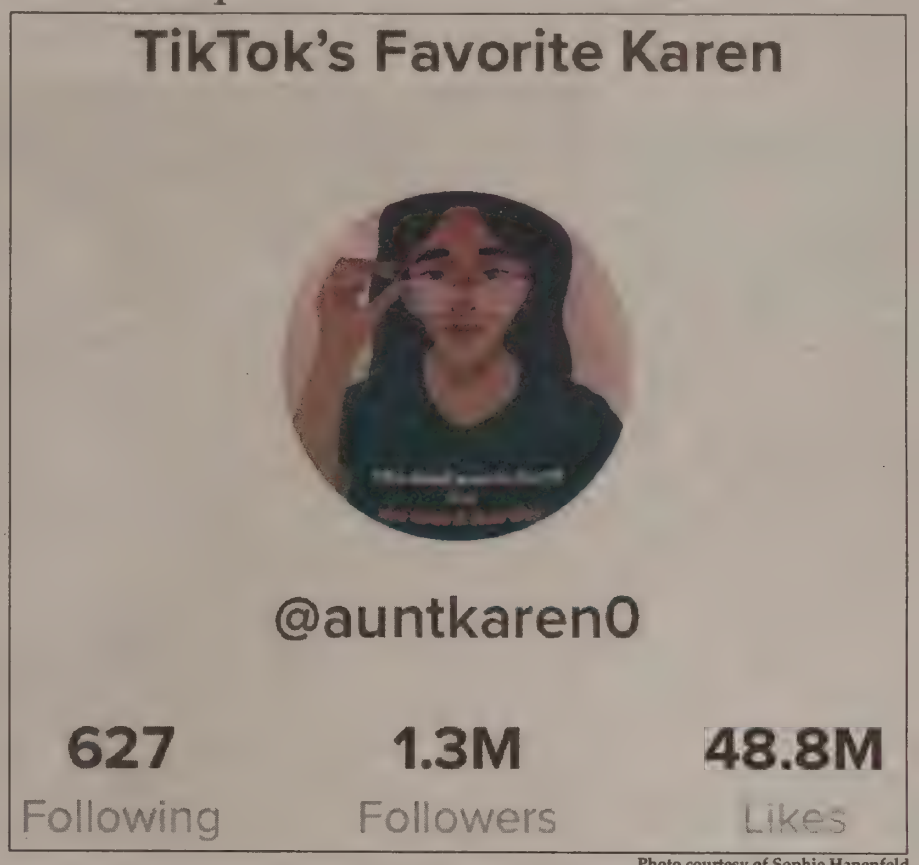

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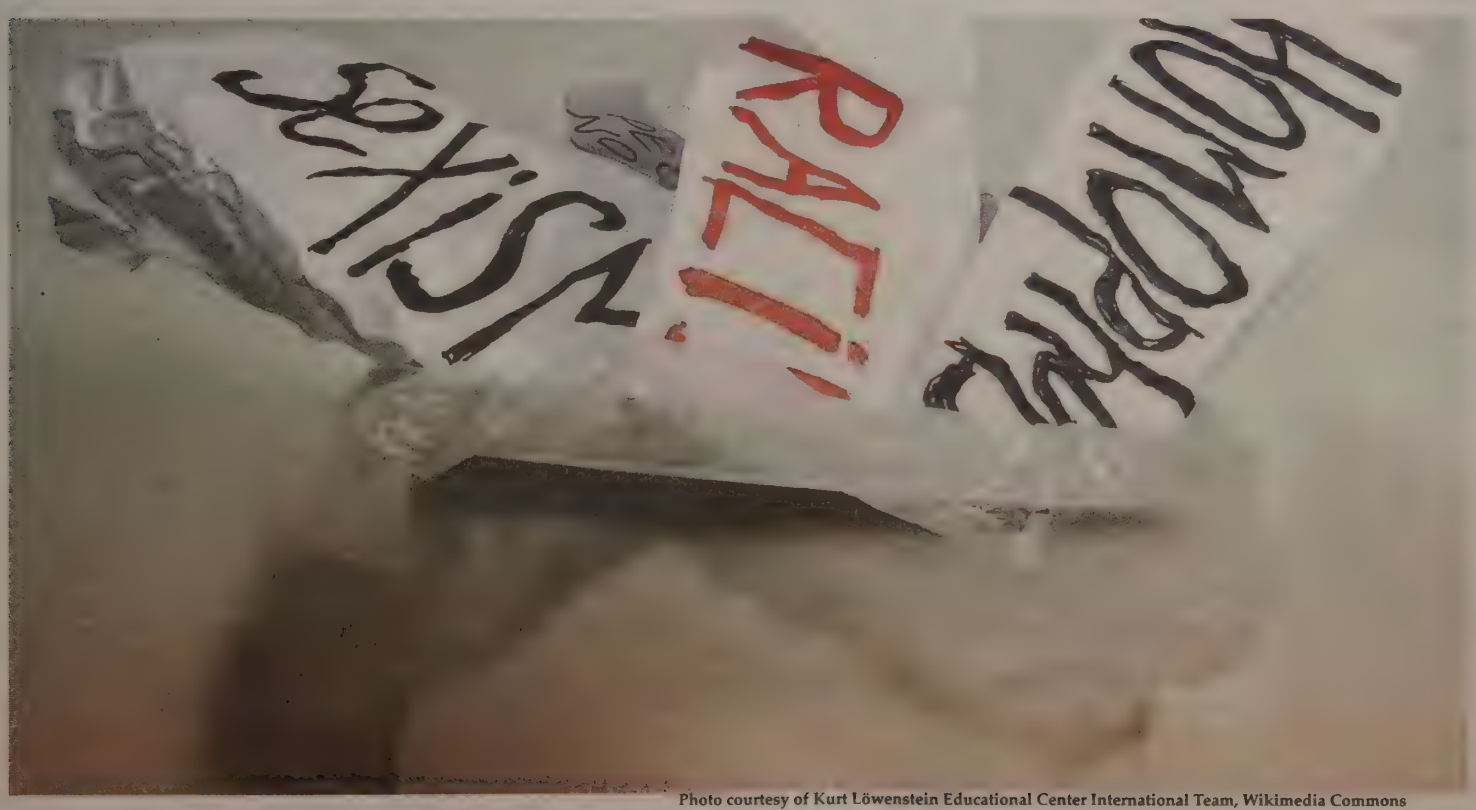
Aunt Karen's TikTock homepage shows her large following and growing number of likes.



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Denise Bradley, AKA Aunt Karen, uses TikTock to advocate for an end to sexism, racism and homophobia.

Religious scholar discusses hate in American Churches

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On Oct. 6, Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox lectured at an event called "Worthy of Their Calling: Can American Churches Reject Hate?" It was sponsored by Interim Director of the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking (CGUP) Dr. Leigh Shannon Haley-Maze.

This event, which occurs once a year is a collaboration with the Elizabethtown College Peace Fellowship.

Haley-Maze said the event is heavy on "time planning and is time-consuming." Despite that, it coincides with their mission, which is creating opportunities for people on campus to promote peace globally.

Barrett-Fox is a scholar of group hatreds and religion. She became interested in rightwing Christianity when she was a student at Juniata College.

Barrett-Fox defines rightwing Christianity as "Christianity that is politically, socially and theologically conservative. It tends to be nationalistic, materialistic, patriarchal and heterosexist."

Throughout the event, Barrett-Fox discussed how American Churches display rightwing Christianity.

She used a Hebrew Bible to help prove her points. She read from the book of Judges since it tells how the Israelites decided their politics.

The Israelites wanted a king, and Barrett-Fox compared that to American Churches today.

Barrett-Fox discussed a parable within Judges about trees wanting a king. They asked for an olive tree, a fig tree and a vine asking to rule over them.

The three trees declined, and the original trees asked a thornbush that Barrett-Fox called a "bramble." The bramble agreed but also threatened to harm them if they disobeyed him. The trees chose a bad master due to them desiring a king.

"Most oppressive acts of hate come from religious organizations," Barrett-Fox said.

It is displayed through hate crimes toward other religions, immigrants and people from the LGBTQ community.

"A church grows because of its compassion for others," Barrett-Fox said.

She mentioned that that motive is not present in many American Churches. It seems to only apply to real Christians.

"We build a kingdom of peace."

~Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox

"There are many people to love and care about," Barrett-Fox said.

Being a Christian means caring for the vulnerable.

"We build a kingdom of peace," Barrett-Fox said. She added that Christians fight against hate as if they are fighting for themselves.

In hate incidents, people assume that the ones responsible are outsiders.

"It keeps protecting the idea of the country's innocence," Barrett-Fox said.

Close to the end, Barrett-Fox listed some suggestions on how hate can be countered, not just in churches but in other communities.

One suggestion was to know where we stand when fighting against hate.

"People are positioned to be proactive," Barrett-Fox said, "but sometimes we must mount a defense."

We should all respond to hate, but not until the hate incident has already happened.

Another suggestion was to care for the primary and secondary targets of the hate crime.

"Know your local context," Barrett-Fox said.

The secondary targets may be part of the primary target's community.

"You want victims to lead the conversation."

~Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox

Barrett-Fox also stressed that when addressing a primary target, we must know our capabilities. We should not offer any help that is beyond our abilities.

"You want victims to lead the conversation," she said.

It helps provide information on the situation. At the same time, Barrett-Fox said, "we should not force victims to discuss their troubles."

Community was discussed in her last suggestion.

"Find what your community does well in," Barrett-Fox mentioned.

Knowing your communities allows you to help others prevent hate and live out their values.

Barrett-Fox hoped that through this event, people find ways to promote peace. She believes that people can do so much to make American Christianity better.

"It can be influential for good," she said.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox
Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox delivered her lecture as part of a collaboration with Etown's Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking

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Dr. Rebecca Barrett-Fox is a scholar of group hatreds and religion.

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To do so, we must make hate unsustainable and combat it.

Haley-Mize said the event is heavy on "time planning and is time-consuming."

Despite that, it coincides with their mission, which she said is to "empower individuals to advocate for action and engagement in ways that embrace diversity and global connectedness."

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Lauren's Readings: What do the stars hold for you this week?

By: Lauren Robitaille

Aries

For Aries, I suggest you do Classic Hollywood this Halloween. Think Grace Kelly or Cary Grant, accessorized with pearls and cufflinks. This would be great as a partner costume if you're looking to do something a bit more sophisticated than scary.

Taurus

Getting in touch with Mother Nature may be the move for any Taurus this October. Fairies, nymphs, sprites and pixies make for charming additions to any mystically inclined friend group.

Gemini

One way to let your Gemini personality shine is by executing costumes you were a kid. This is because nobody was better (and I'll be with siblings or childhood friends for Halloween.

Cancer

Sweet Cancers, a soft and dreamy costume may be in your future. Some suggestions include an angel, a ballerina or characters from "Alice in Wonderland."

Leo

Leos, this is your time to shine with a bold costume. It's can be Disney villains like Cruella de Vil and Hades or literary antagonists like Dorian Gray or Miranda Priestly.

Virgo

Virgos, your attention to creativity and intellect all help you to rock a Medieval or Renaissance look. Really, anything of a historical nature would fit your personality well, especially if you go down a regal, royal route and try to be royalty for the night.

Libra

Ancient history won't just be classy Greek and Roman deities can make for some lovely Libras at any Halloween gathering. Dripping in gold and balancing on the scales, choosing a deity you resonate with will guarantee a good time.

Scorpio

Scorpios, put your sleuth and mysterious skills to good use as a spy. Putting together the outfit shouldn't be too hard as every Scorpio should have something that's black leather, right?

Sagittarius

Fun shoe for fun-loving Sags, glittery space cowboy or disco dancer is the way to go. Bold colors and metallics will give your night a real sparkle and dazzle like your friends.

Capricorn

Capricorns, the vibe I get from you all is the ghost of a professor wandering around the libraries of Oxford. This may be a little too on the nose, but the concept remains. Plaid, spectacles, loafers and tweed would be perfect for any murder mystery or murder in the mews parties.

Aquarius

Embrace the connection you have to other realms this Halloween and try on your "otherworldly" self. In the story "Coraline," the main character talks a portal to another world where her family has buttons for eyes and aren't as they seem. Quirky and a little spooky, this costume is perfect for Aquarians.

Pisces

Express your emotional side with this year's costume as your favorite artist. Whether that be a musician, painter, writer or actor, your water sign energy will work in favor of any creative you choose. This concept could mean dressing as that person or as their inspiration.

Off-Campus hangout: The Hub on Market

Next time you're in town, visit the place with trendy boutiques and a coffee shop all in one convenient stop.

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Just a 10-minute walk right off of campus is a quaint little building, home to The HUB on Market Street. The HUB houses EVO 206 Coffee Company, Whirligig Unique Boutiques and the HIVE. I met with building owner Stacey Derck to provide me with an insider tour of The HUB.

The building was constructed around 1890 and was originally home to Roth's Furniture store. The HUB moved in two years ago and is still expanding today. After a rough year from the pandemic, Derck is ready to welcome the community to her industrialized yet barn-style modern building. Throughout the pandemic, the Elizabethtown community stepped up their support for The HUB and all the downtown businesses to keep them open. Derck said, "It was really about community over competition and I really want to continue that idea and welcome the community."

The HIVE is a collective of offices and businesses that are free to use the space for anything they want. There's a huge lounge room that can be rented out by the businesses or for events such as weddings or baby showers. The room is situated towards the back of the building so there's a ton of privacy. Some of the resident businesses include the Citrus Med Spa and Acne Clinic and the Dragon's Lair Hair Salon. The HIVE is still expanding its floor space and is hoping to welcome more clients and businesses to join the community. The HUB offers tours of the HIVE to ensure that their space is the right space for your office and business.

Whirligig Unique Boutiques is a cute little shop off to the side of EVO 206. The shop offers a variety of objects and homemade items that you're sure to want to bring back to the dorm. Over 70 artists and vendors sell their works in the shop. The artists are mostly found around the Central Pennsylvania area, some straight out of Elizabethtown College. One artist has had her fashion designs featured in New York and Paris' Fashion Week. There's easily something to find within the store that would make a nice Christmas gift.

While you're browsing in the shop, you can enjoy a nice cup of coffee from EVO 206 Coffee Company. Right now, they are updating their menu, but they are happy to let me know that their fall menu will be out on Oct. 20. Students receive a 15 percent discount on their order. They offer soups, salads, burrito bowls, breakfast and lunch sandwiches as well as baked goods, including a massive cinnamon roll. They offer coffee and teas and even offer their own Blue Jay Drink. Of course, this drink tastes exactly like the carrot cakes you can pick up from the Blue Bean. What sets EVO 206 from the rest of the coffee chains is that their beans are locally sourced and they want to know their regulars' orders. "Again, it's all about community. I want customers to feel appreciated as soon as they walk in the door," Derck said. She also said that she would love for students to come in and study here. "Right now, we're open until 2:00 every day. I would want to expand the hours to at least five, but we need the clients."

Looking to the future, Derck wants to bring back community events such as open mic nights and trivia nights. On Halloween Night, EVO 206 is hosting a costume party and dishing out candy to trick-or-treaters. Also in December, 10 percent of profits are going towards Best Buddies. The money would go to bring awareness to the program.

Feel free to stop by the HUB to check out the HIVE, grab a cup of coffee and take a peek in the Whirligig Unique Boutiques next time you take a walk downtown!

Photos courtesy of Stacey Derck.

EVO is ready for Etown students to come fuel their caffiene addictions.

Weekly Chirp:

Are masks impacting our mental health?

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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a lot of changes around the world. Online classes via Zoom, staying six feet apart and wearing masks have essentially made life the same. Because of the pandemic, many people's mental health has been impacted. Recently, a survey was posted to the Jays' App, Elizabethtown College's own private platform of social media, to get the experience of the College community and masks and their mental health.

Currently, Lancaster County is still at a high-risk level of COVID-19, but Etown has experienced very low numbers of COVID cases. Since the start of the semester, all individuals are required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, in indoor common spaces per the administration's guidance. However, this is not the case across the country. Countless school districts are dealing with the debate of if children should wear masks in the classroom. Businesses are going back to requiring wearing masks inside. These reversals have sparked debates about wearing masks much like the ones at the start of the pandemic. People have varied in their belief of wearing masks no matter what, wearing masks indoors, not wearing masks as they're vaccinated, to simply not wearing a mask. Because of how mental health has been a huge side effect of the pandemic, masks may be a small contributing factor because of the debates the country has been seeing.

The survey provided some insight into how the College community is dealing with mental health and face masks. Out of 37 responses, the majority of the participants responded that they have not experienced higher levels of stress, anger or anxiety because of masks. 35 percent of the responses stated they have experienced higher levels of these emotions because people are not wearing them correctly or when they need to. Conversely, 24 percent of the responses have stated they have experienced these emotions because they believe they do not need to wear a mask in general.

Because masks are required when interacting with others, participants were asked if they are comfortable with people not wearing one in different settings. 81 percent stated that they are comfortable with others when they are not wearing a mask outside. However, that percentage dropped to 41 percent when asked if they are comfortable with others when they are not wearing a mask inside.

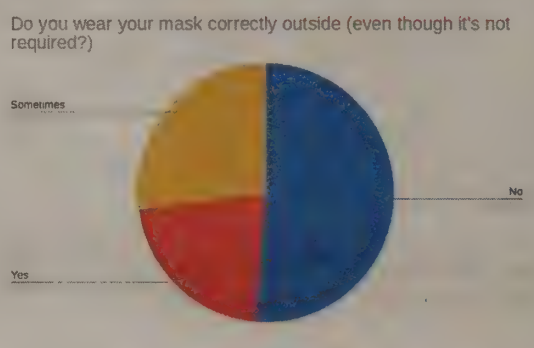
One response stated, "It's really stressful when students don't wear masks when they are supposed to. We're supposed to wear masks to protect each other and when someone isn't wearing one inside, it feels like they're disregarding other people's health." The lack of respect for one another can add to the stress that someone is already facing.

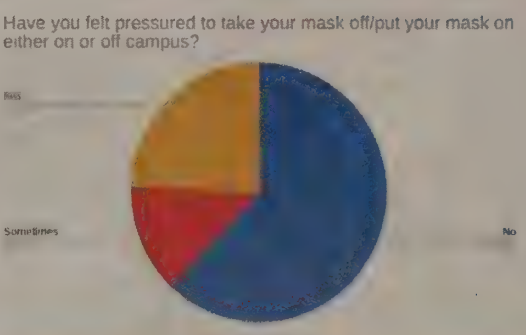
Another student stated, "There is a level of comfort that comes knowing that the people you are interacting with are following the COVID-19 precautions."

When looking at peer pressure and masks, the majority of students have stated that they do not feel pressured to wear a mask or take off their mask. However, a student commented on how masks have become a barrier to some. They said "I think the masks make students not want to converse and makes you shy away from asking questions. It's a social barrier that most people won't ever breakthrough." Masks have made it hard for some students to speak louder and have used the mask as an excuse to not participate fully in the classroom.

Overall, according to the survey, the pandemic has impacted the mental health of the community. 87 percent of students answered that their mental health has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic overall. A student stated "I don't think masks have changed mental health as much as some of the other guidelines or restrictions that came alongside the pandemic, as far as life on campus." No matter what the cause, mental health has been impacted by the pandemic.

Editor's Note: In a recent survey, the Etownian included a note that said, "Any comment condemning wearing masks would result in the entire response being discarded." The Etownian was concerned about the survey being taken out of context and used for individuals' platforms, and individuals would use the survey as a platform to spread misinformation about masks, COVID-19 and other topics related to the subject - which would take away from the original thought and purpose. We also believed that we would be reprimanded by the College for publishing such misinformation. Thus, we established the clause. Also, the administration of Elizabethtown College is requiring the use of masks inside common spaces for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.





"I wish vaccinated individuals could be allowed to not wear masks."
"Masks make students not want to converse."
"Masks are decreasing learning."
The Jays' Tweets
"It's really stressful when students don't wear masks."
"I think masks are an effective way to help our country get back to normal."
"I honestly don't understand how people can wear a mask but not cover their nose."

Welcome to the jungle

Cranberry Juices makes a splash at Etown.

by Chandler McGuire
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Hi there! My name is Cranberry Juice, but you can call me C.J. My owners, Brooke Seislove and Meghan Murray, named me after Lizzo's song "Juice." They're kinda weird like that, but my name fits! It took them forever to decide on a name, but perfection takes time! I even have my own bottle of cranberry juice next to my tank. I've never tried it, but it looks good!

My "Got You" date, as my owners call it, is August 23rd. Meghan tells me that I'm a Virgo! She's really into astrology and says that it makes sense that I am a Virgo. They got me at That Fish Place. That's the actual name, I swear to Posiedon! Brooke and Meghan went to a lot of different fish places before they found me, and then spent over an hour trying to choose the perfect fish, so I'm glad they finally adopted me.

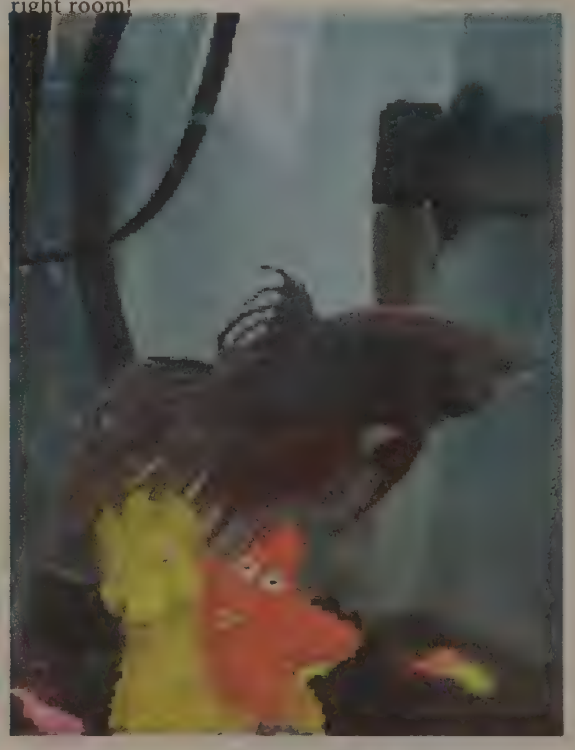
My tank is pretty awesome! I have seahorse and seastar friends who I love. My favorite place to hang out is a star cave. If you can't find me, usually I'm hiding in there! The best part of my tank is my plant! I had a different one last year, but I think I like this one better. Brooke and Meghan have a light for me so that I can see. They turn it off for my bedtime. It's this special routine that we have that I love.

This is my second year back at Etown. I guess you could call me a sophomore! I'm back in Schlosser Residence Hall, and I really like it here! I have my own section on my Brooke and Meghan's dressers where I call home. I have a few belongings like my cranberry juice, a little dinosaur and some Peppa Pig figurines. I don't really like Peppa that much, but I tolerate her because Brooke likes her. That does not stop me from flaring my gills when I see Peppa though.

Over breaks, I really miss Meghan because Brooke takes me home. Meghan's mom doesn't allow me at her house, but Brooke's house is awesome! Her mom is very nice to me.

One of my favorite people here is my godparent, Chandler McGuire. She always gives me an extra food pebble secretly but Meghan or Brooke usually catches her. That's okay though as long as I get a treat!

Overall, I really love living in Etown! I can't wait to see what adventures I'll have. I love meeting new people, so come stop by my room on the first floor of Schlosser if you want to see me! I have my very own door tag, so that's how you'll know you have the right room!



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Cranberry Juice enjoys a swim and says hi to the sea star.

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Review: John Mulaney's "From Scratch" tour

Mulaney's return to live comedy shows says that he is not going anywhere despite his recent controversies.

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It is no secret that my favorite comedian is John Mulaney. In fact, I even have a sticker of him on my phone case that says "Yes, you heard me, an English major" from his special on Netflix, "Kid Gorgeous." When I heard he was coming to Philadelphia for his "From Scratch" tour about a month ago, I made a probably bad financial decision and bought myself a ninety-dollar ticket in a city that I had never set foot in.

That is how I found myself sitting in the family circle section of the Kimmel Cultural Center's Academy of Music on Oct. 8. Very quickly after walking into the building though, I had to put my phone into a secure bag to prevent any leaks. I believe the show started late, but that is only my assumption since I had no way of telling the actual time.

Before going, I already had high expectations for the show. My social media had been ablaze with praise for Mulaney, which is interesting considering his fall from grace.

This was Mulaney's first tour since his reputation took a hit from going to a rehabilitation center in December of 2020, getting a very public divorce with photographer Anna Marie Tendler and then very quickly, starting to date actress Oliva Munn. In fact, they recently announced they were having a baby which, as Mulaney himself put during the show, garnered "mixed reviews."

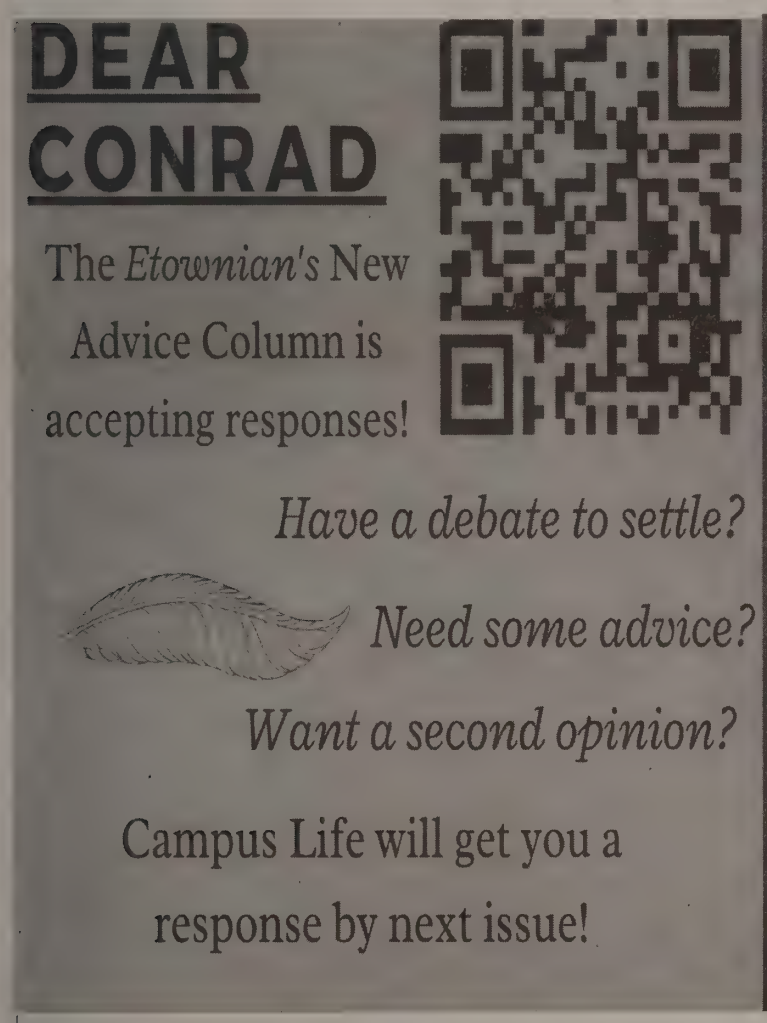
He hilariously mentioned recent Emmy winner Bo Burham, his rival comedian, and said all the teens like him now because he's somehow less problematic. As a Bo Burnham fan myself, I really enjoyed this light-hearted jab. All this controversy has him put in what I like to call his Joker phase.

Needless to say, Mulaney had an abundance of material to talk and joke about. Something I loved about his performance is that he is very much aware of his status in the public eye and does not wish to glamorize any of his mistakes. At one point during the show, he asked the audience if any kids were present to which a 14-year old boy responded. He made sure to tell the kid to not follow down his path, even if it does make him more interesting.

Mulaney knows that for the past several years in his private life, he has made some of the worst decisions he could have made, and it was refreshing to hear someone admit that they were wrong. Towards the end of the show before his final bit, the entire atmosphere of the room changed when Mulaney got serious about his time in rehab. I do not remember hearing a single sound. It was definitely a surreal moment as he talked about how grateful he was to be performing again and that he did not think he would ever have this opportunity again. This only lasted a few minutes, but it may have been the most impactful moment of the show.

I think it is also important to give a quick shoutout to Seaton Smith, Mulaney's opening act. I had never heard of Smith before and did not think I would be laughing as hard as I did during his set but laugh I indeed did. Immediately after I got my phone back, I went to Instagram and followed him. His natural talent is amazing, and I am very curious to see where his career takes him. If he ever did a tour where he was the headlining act, I would not hesitate to buy a ticket.

This night was a lot of firsts for me: the first time I went to Philly, the first time I saw a professional comedy show, and the first time I laughed so hard my voice was gone for the next two days. From the second Mulaney stepped on stage to the moment he left, I was almost crying from laughter. If you ever get a chance to see Mulaney in person, do it. You will not regret it.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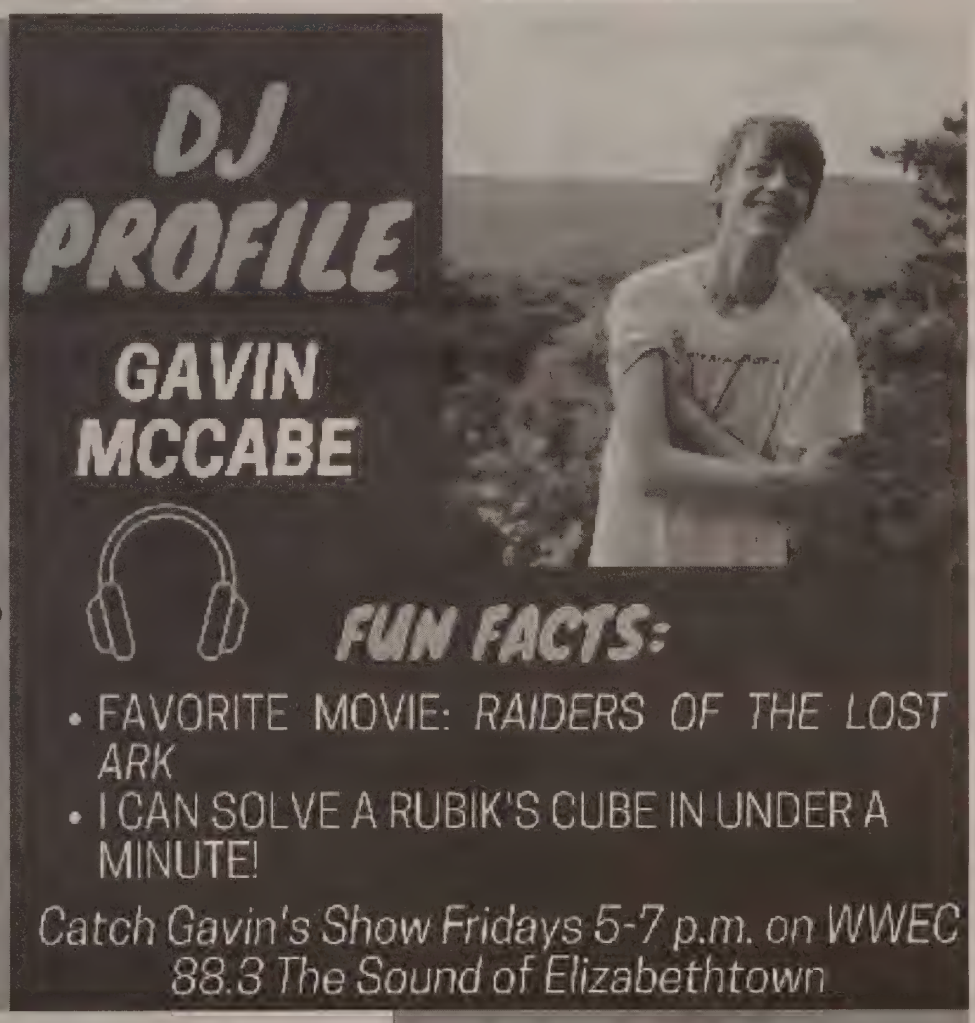
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Midterm stress

Here are tips on how to prepare for midterms.

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Midterms are coming up quickly for all students at Elizabethtown College, a time where stress levels are high and motivation is low. The High Library is sure to see an increase in student visitors searching for a quiet study spot, the perfect reference book or simply a hot coffee. Other students might confine themselves to their rooms, armed with to-do lists and midterm review sheets. Still others can be found around campus or in town, taking a break (or maybe even procrastinating) from studying in between classes. Every student approaches midterms in a different way, but they do not have to totally resign themselves to weeks of stress in order to succeed.

Preparation is one of the key ways to minimize stress during midterms. By taking time to study beforehand, students can walk into exams feeling more confident and prepared for their exam. Studying in itself can be stressful when there's so much going on at once, but cutting up study time into manageable chunks or incorporating small personal rewards into study sessions helps break up the monotony. One way to keep studying casually is to find natural stopping points for a quick break: go on a quick walk, stretch or have a cup of tea. If you feel like you need to be productive even during break time, try an activity that isn't studying: washing dishes, tidying up or taking out the trash are all quick tasks to do during a break period.

While studying is important, making time to relax and recuperate is just as essential. This can look different for every student: some need to decompress with their friends, find a fun fall activity or a quiet indoor one to forget about looming exams. Others relax better alone, taking time for self-care by watching their favorite shows, drinking hot chocolate or simply taking a nap! Whatever the relaxation methods are, don't forget about them during midterms! These are great tools students can use to combat stress or anxiety associated with exams. Taking time for yourself is important, no exceptions.

The campus community is another resource students can use during midterms. Sometimes stress can make students feel isolated, but this is not at all the case. Throughout the week, different activities will be held for students to find support and relief from midterm stress. Yoga classes, meditation, movies and more will be available for students. Remember to look on the bright side: midterms may be upon us, but that means we've made it halfway through the semester! Don't forget to be proud of the progress thus far, and remember the accomplishments and conquered challenges from the start of the semester up until now. Midterms may be another one of these challenges, but they can be overcome with a balance of self-care and hard work.

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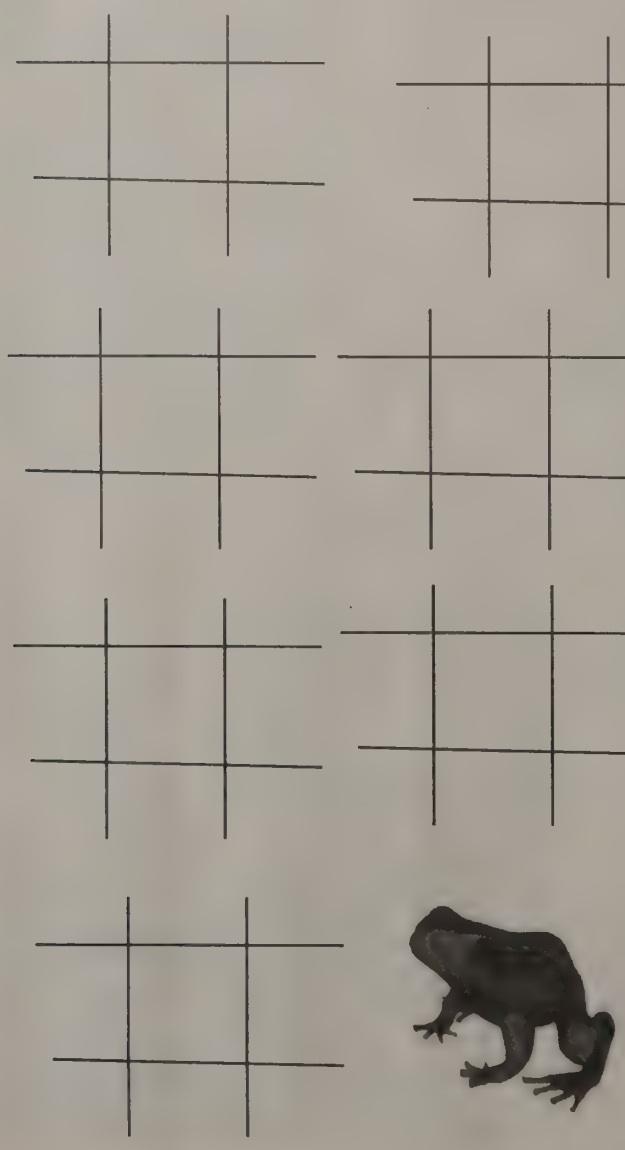

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Cross Country practice strategies

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Sometimes students who are not student athletes underestimate or just have no idea how much time and energy student athletes are required to dedicate to their respective sports.

For example, while a cross country meet might only take a couple of hours, it can be an all-day event for the athletes, especially for away meets.

Another aspect of sports which students who are not athletes may overlook is the amount of time practices take out of a student's schedule.

Many teams meet at least five times a week for a two-hour practice.

However, these practices take upwards of three hours out of a student's schedule after preparation, a meal beforehand and a shower afterwards.

For a sport like cross country, many individuals might think athletes simply go for a quick jog every day in preparation of their meet on the weekend.

After all, cross country is just running, right?

Well, an athlete might only run a few miles at a cross country meet, but in preparation for those few miles they do a whole lot more than just go on a daily jog.

For junior Matthew Fick, a typical practice week on the team consists of one long run, three base/recovery runs, one workout at practice, two lift sessions and four double runs.

A long run for Fick is usually between 10 and 13 miles at a quicker pace.

A recovery or base run is at a more comfortable pace and ranges from seven to eight miles.

Typically, a recovery or base run happens on the day following a more intense practice such as a long run.

At practice workouts can differ from week to week, but the example Fick gave was a tempo run.

In a tempo run, athletes typically run around 3.75 miles.

The first portion of the run is at a very quick pace followed by a section at a much slower pace.

Finally, the end of the tempo run is again at a much more rigorous pace.

What has been listed above is what athletes are required to do at practices and with the team.

However, there is a lot more involved than just that.

According to Fick, athletes also have a large amount of training they are required to do on their own in addition to what they do at team practices.

Twice per week Fick is required to do a workout and four double runs.

Typically, his workouts consist of a small amount of many different things to work out his entire body.

As for double runs, these are slower paced 30 minute runs that Fick does on his own in the mornings.

They are called double runs because he runs in the morning and then again in the evening at practice.

Health and fitness

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Hey Jays, if you are looking for a healthy recipe for a delicious smoothie, but are running low on Jaybucks, or you want to experiment on your own in your home kitchen, you are in luck!

If you go online to the food network, you can find recipes for healthy smoothies for whatever occasion. Whether it be lounging by the pool over summer vacation, a get together with your friends or the holidays, there is a smoothie for everything.

One of the recipes I have tried and have enjoyed is a recipe called "Peach Pie Smoothie." It has eight ingredients, and it takes 10 minutes to prepare. All you will need is:

1 cup unsweetened frozen peaches
1 tablespoon of local honey, plus more for additional flavor
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Pinch ground nutmeg
1/2 nonfat or 1% lowfat milk
1/2 cup of plain yogurt

All you do with these ingredients is throw them into a blender, blend until smooth and enjoy.

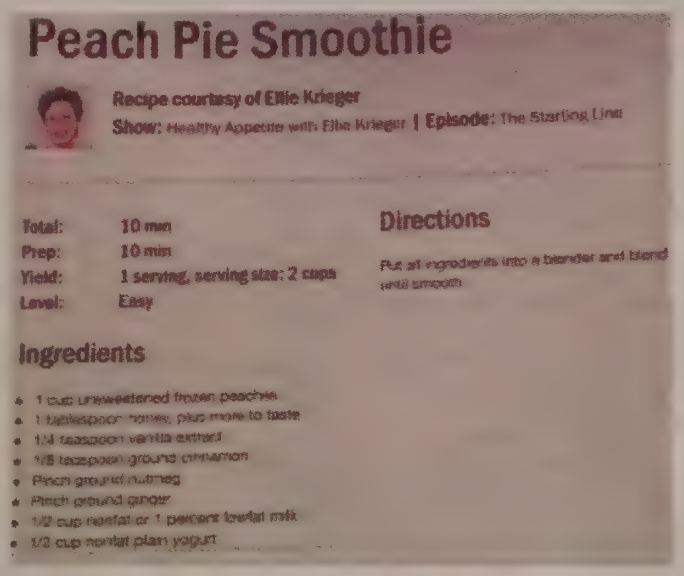
Not only does it taste good, but there are health benefits in the yogurt, peaches and local honey (to name a few).

The yogurt is good for bone health, as it provides calcium, which is good for your bones.

The peaches are a fruit, which is not only healthy for you, but also delicious. Peaches contain vitamin C, which is good for your immune system.

The local honey is good for you because it helps with allergies that can be triggered in a specific area. The local honey helps to prevent those allergies from triggering.

This smoothie is not only delicious, but it is healthier for you than it seems at first glance.


Peach Pie Smoothie

Recipe courtesy of Ellie Krieger

Show: Healthy Appetite with Ellie Krieger | Episode: The Starting Line

Total: 10 min
Prep: 10 min
Yield: 1 serving, serving size: 2 cups
Level: Easy

Directions

Put all ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth.

Ingredients

- 1 cup unsweetened frozen peaches
- 1 tablespoon honey, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- Pinch ground ginger
- 1/2 cup nonfat or 1 percent lowfat milk
- 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt

Juniata vs Etown Field Hockey game results in a victory

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On Saturday, Oct. 9 the Elizabethtown College women's field hockey team faced off against Juniata College Eagles and won with a score of 2-0 to add to their number of victories.

Etown goalie first-year Angelina Giglio-Tos made three saves in goal to earn another shutout, taking her to her third of the season.

In the first quarter the Blue Jays took two shots on goal within the first five minutes.

Senior Grace Hardy scored from the left, assisted by junior Grace Husséy for her 11th goal of the season.

The Blue Jays prevented The Eagles from taking a shot all first quarter and led at the end of the quarter 1-0.

When the second quarter began the Eagles were ready to beat the Blue Jays.

The Eagles tried to score three times.

However, the Blue Jays prevailed. Giglio-Tos managed to prevent the first shot, a penalty corner shot.

"Penalty corner shots are based on how you set up. They are easy shots to make and can be easy to defend if the players are all working together and communicating," a former Etown field hockey player Kathryn Black explained.

Giglio-Tos only a minute later then stopped a shot by Juniata's Sydney Witter from the middle of the circle.

Giglio-Tos was not done yet as with only eight seconds left of the first half, she prevented a shot by the Eagles' Brooke Franke to keep the Blue Jays in the lead at halftime.

It is safe to say, Giglio-Tos earned her third shutout of the season after the second quarter of the game.

Etown only had one attempt late in the second quarter; however, it was blocked.

After halftime, the Blue Jays were ready to score again but were rejected multiple times.

Etown's perseverance led them to take five shots on goal and four penalty corners.

Juniata blocked all five shots. The Eagles' player Franke tried an attempt later on, though Smith was able to defend her and allow the Blue Jays to keep their lead of 1-0.

"I was just in the right place at the right time."

~Grace Hardy

The game was still close and both teams were playing very well as the fourth quarter began.

The Blue Jays were able to keep a penalty corner play alive in the fourth quarter and it showed as Hardy was able to score for the second time within the first three minutes of the fourth quarter.

Hardy was assisted by sophomore Sydney Aguilar, who controlled the ball towards the goal and centered a pass to Hardy. Hardy's 12th goal of the season took the game to 2-0 with the Blue Jays still leading.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," Hardy said.

The Eagles had a pair of penalty corners in the fourth quarter, but they were both stopped as Etown did not allow a single shot the entire second quarter.

The Blue Jays won the game 2-0 and prepare to play Moravian College next week.

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The Iron Jay is back! For those that don't know what the Iron Jay Challenge is, it is a fitness challenge that happens annually at Elizabethtown College. It began in 2012, and according to Director of the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being Whitney Crull, the Iron Jay can be best described as "a fitness challenge ran by the Employee Wellness Team, that is open to all Etown students, faculty and staff.

This challenge may seem intimidating, but rest assured, it is impossible to do in one sitting. The Iron Jay Challenge goes on from Oct. 1 to Dec. 10. The nice thing about the Iron Jay Challenge is that, according to Crull, "ach participant tracks their own physical activity throughout the fall semester to complete either a Full Jay (140.6 miles) or a Half Jay (70.3 miles)."

So, you might be thinking: miles? Is there a specific way I am supposed to achieve those miles?

It does not matter how you achieve the miles, as Crull says, "Participants can choose to use any form of physical fitness such as walking, running, swimming, biking, fitness classes, sports, stretching and more, to use towards their 'miles.' Prizes are awarded to those that complete either the Full Jay or Half Jay.

If you are thinking that the Iron Jay might be a little too much, or if you want to start logging your miles, one other fitness challenge exists that can satisfy miles, or just a challenge if you are up for it. That challenge is called The DeArment Classic.

"The Diane DeArment Classic is a fall bike ride which meets at Lebanon Valley Rails to Trails Lawn Trailhead and rides to Mt. Gretna and back with a lunch in between. This has been a long standing event with the Employee Wellness Team, but has been renamed this year to honor an Employee Wellness Team member and employee of the College that passed away recently," Crull explained.

This challenge is approximately 10 miles long (round trip). The DeArment Classic is on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer scores another win

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On Friday, October 9 in Huntingdon, Pa., the Elizabethtown College men's soccer team faced off against the Juniata College Eagles.

The Blue Jays remain undefeated in Landmark Conference play, topping Juniata, 3-0.

With the win, the Blue Jays' record improves to eight wins, two losses and one tie overall. They have three wins with no losses or ties in the league.

Senior Garett Winchilla and first-year Pedro Guizardi both scored for Etown, while first-year Luke Kelly tallied an assist.

After a scoreless first half, the Blue Jays found its open strike. Junior Mehluko Letsoalo took a free kick from the right side of Juniata's attacking defender.

He whipped a dangerous ball into the center of the box where an Eagles' defender attempted to clear it, but accidentally put it in the back of their own net in the 63rd minute, giving Etown the one goal advantage.

About five minutes later, the Blue Jays found their second goal of the game in a more conventional way.

Kelly beat his defender on the end line and passed a cross to Guizardi at the back post. The first-year took one touch and easily placed a shot into the open goal for his second of the season and a 2-0 lead to Etown.

Winchilla wrapped up the win in the 85th minute, stepping up and burying a penalty kick into the right side of the goal to finish off Etown's 3-0 win.

Junior Kelvin Del Cid earned his fourth shutout of the season, making five saves for the clean sheet. Del Cid has not allowed a goal in his last 258:45 minutes of work.

Anru Submramanian, the keeper for the Eagles, made two saves in the loss.

Elizabethtown hits the road on Tuesday, Oct. 12 to take on Muhlenberg College. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

New assistant wrestling coach

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Elizabethtown College recently hired Assistant Wrestling Coach Caleb Warner.

Warner started working for the College on Monday, Oct. 4.

What makes Warner's position unique is the fact that he is also attending Etown as a student to receive his master's in business administration. He previously attended Millersville University for Robotics and Control System Engineering and decided to pursue his master's degree after graduating in December of 2020.

Warner began wrestling in his freshman year of high school, which in comparison to other wrestlers could be considered a late start. He fell in love with wrestling and with the aspect of the sport that wrestlers are working together as a team but are competing individually.

"I enjoyed the individualism of doing something on your own but also knowing you're on a team and you have to win as a team," Warner said.

Warner has some previous coaching experience from Beat the Streets, an at-risk youth program in Lancaster where elementary school aged children came to wrestle. In addition, he occasionally coached a practice at his old high school when he was home during college.

After deciding to attend Etown for his MBA, Warner was also looking to use his last year of eligibility to wrestle for Etown. However, because he came from a Division II school, Millersville University, he was unable to wrestle for Etown since the school is Division III. Head coach Eric Walker invited Warner to coach alongside him.

While simultaneously being a student and assistant coach, Warner is looking forward to the opportunity to set a good example for the undergraduate wrestlers on the team by proving to them that you can in fact keep good grades while still being a successful and dedicated athlete.

Warner is excited to begin his assistant coaching position and is just as excited about the season as the rest of the team.

"We had a team meeting, and everyone just seemed excited to be here [and] are grateful for the opportunity," Warner said.

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Etown alumnus receives public service award

Courtesy of Etown Alumni

Howard Kroesen accepts the Vincent W. O'Connor Public Service award on Oct. 4 at the Etown Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.

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Recently, Elizabethtown College alumnus Howard "Hob" Kroesen received an award from the Elizabethtown Borough. Kroesen received the Vincent W. O'Connor Public Service award at the Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Oct. 4. The award was presented by Borough President Marc Hershey.

The Vincent W. O'Connor Public Service Award is an award which is presented every year by the Elizabethtown Borough. The award is named after Vincent W. O'Connor, who was dedicated to public service until his passing in 1997. O'Connor was active on school boards both at Conoy Township and in the Elizabethtown Area. He was a member of Elizabethtown's Borough Council for over 20 years, and served as mayor for six. He was involved in multiple programs that served the people of the Elizabethtown Area, and was named Citizen of the Year in 1995 by the Elizabethtown Loyal Order of the Moose.

The award has been given since O'Connor's death in 1997, and has continued annually to honor his service. It's a great honor to have an Etown alumnus recognized with this award.

The Elizabethtown Borough said, "Elizabethtown Borough extends our sincere appreciation to Hob for his extraordinary community service. Through the presentation of the 2021 Vincent O'Connor Public Service Award, we honor his generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure… and especially for his unwavering dedication to the betterment of the Elizabethtown community."

Kroesen is an Elizabethtown native, who is an alumnus of both Elizabethtown Area High School and the College, where he got his degree in Business Administration.

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Masking continues in Lancaster County schools

Courtesy of Etown Flickr

Parents attended school board meetings to discuss if students should be required to wear masks on school property in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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Partisan politics are inflamed, especially as school board meetings have been met with these attitudes. In the past year, these have become flooded with parents fighting for their children's rights pertaining to various political issues, including COVID-19 protocols and masks.

Recently, the Elizabethtown Area School District meetings have garnered much participation from parents who hope to enact change and share their approval or dismay to school board members.

Chaplain and Director of Religious Life Rev. Amy Shorner-Johnson is one of these parents; she is an advocate for masking in schools.

She expressed the growing popularity of attending school board meetings, stating, "Four weeks ago, there were a ton of parents who came to the meeting. The meeting lasted like four hours."

Shorner-Johnson saw the importance of attending and voicing her opinion since she is the mother of two elementary-aged children that are currently unable to receive the vaccine. Due to this, she wants to see extended mask mandates.

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New Master's program in counseling psychology

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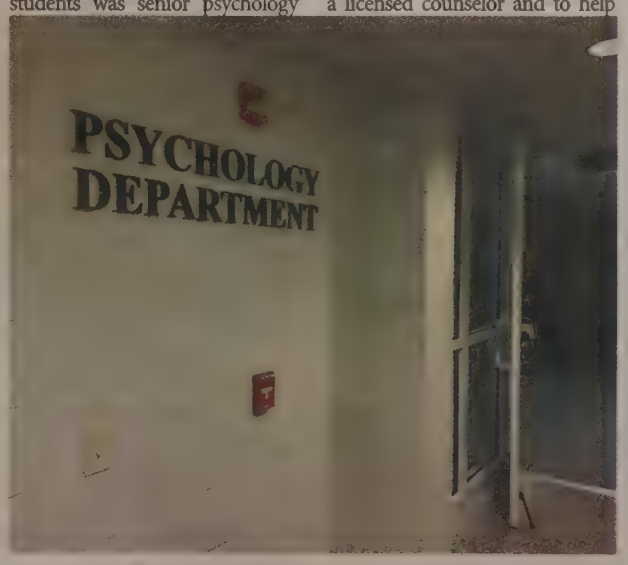
The Elizabethtown College psychology department is launching a master of arts in counseling psychology program. The goal of the program is to prepare professional mental health practitioners to apply experienced-based and relationship-centered learning practices in a variety of real-life settings.

"Marketing research indicates that counseling psychology is the most popular branch for graduates. Since we have existing expertise, we want to provide that opportunity here at Etown," program director and assistant professor of psychology Dr. Elizabeth Dalton said in an interview.

The program will be a two year, 60-credit program with courses offered in the fall, spring and summer semesters. In addition, the program also includes 700 hours of practicum and internship training, which is required for students to meet the requirements for becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Pennsylvania. It will be offered in a hybrid format with both remote and in-person classes. The hybrid format was considered even before COVID-19 in order to allow for more flexibility for students.

Dalton expressed that 15 current students attended an open-house event about the master's program. One of these students was senior psychology major Meghan Keenan.

"In middle school, I realized my passion for psychology, and I knew I wanted to use it to help others. I loved to listen to my friends' problems and to act as a soundboard for their problem solving," Keenan said in an interview. "Earning a master's in counseling psychology is a significant step for me to become a licensed counselor and to help children, teens and young adults work through personal struggles."



Courtesy of Paula Groff

The Etown psychology department offers a new program for students to earn a master's degree.

The program offers three different specializations: the generalist track, the substance use counseling track and the child and adolescent counseling track. Students must complete 15 core courses for 45 total credits and then select one specialization and complete the corresponding five courses for 15 credits. Those who want to complete the generalist track for a wider variety of applications must complete 15 total credits from courses from either specialization.

Keenan is interested in pursuing the child and adolescent counseling track and is especially excited to take the trauma-informed psychotherapy course, a special type of training she recently discovered.

Dalton said that she and assistant professor of psychology Dr. Dawnielle Simmons will teach the program's courses, and that the plan currently is to hire one additional full-time faculty member for the program.

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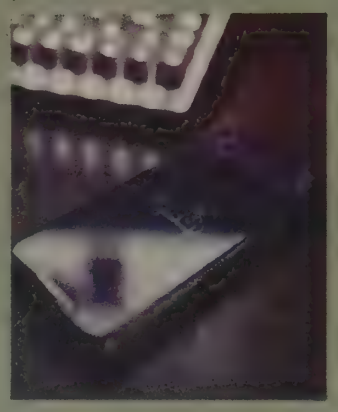
TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.



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Just as Facebook went offline and endured a potential data breach on Monday, Oct. 4, the live video streaming service Twitch fell victim to a data breach on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Twitch first confirmed the data breach after a user posted Twitch data on 4chan, a message board website that allows users to post anonymously. According to the user, the file contained information on Twitch's software code and security protocols as well as the earnings of Twitch streamers from 2019 to 2021.

The leaked files report that streamers such as CriticalRole, xQcOW, summit1g, Tfue and NICKMERCS have earned millions of dollars on the live video streaming service. Two users reported to the BBC that their reported earnings were accurate, whereas one person reported that a high-profile user's earnings were almost accurate.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Twitch's top 1 percent users made more than half of the money that was distributed to paid users in 2021.

Users have earned a grand total of $889 million from Jan. 2021 to Sept. 2021. Last year, Twitch paid a total of $517 million to users over the same time period.

The development of an online games store, which would act as a competitor to Steam, was also rumored to have been discovered via the leak. According to information contained in the data breach, the store will be called Vapour and it may feature Vapeworld, which would serve as a 3D chat option for users. The online games store is reportedly being created by Amazon Game Studios.

The 4chan post was entitled "twitch leaks part one," which suggests that the data breach may continue to affect the company and its users.

According to the user who leaked the data, Twitch was targeted so as to "foster more disruption and competition in the online video streaming space." They also described Twitch's community as "a disgusting toxic cesspool."

"We have learned that some data was exposed to the internet due to an error in a Twitch server configuration change that was subsequently accessed by a malicious third party," the company reported.

The company continued its investigation into the breach on Oct. 7 and noted that they reset stream keys to prevent further security breaches. Resetting the stream keys will protect users against a data breach when they start their next stream.

Twitch emphasized that they are continuing to investigate if users' login credentials were exposed, but said that "full credit card numbers are not stored by Twitch, so full credit card numbers were not exposed."

Following the leak, users noticed on Friday, Oct. 8 at 5 a.m. that banner icons of video games were changed to close-up photos of a surprised Jeff Bezos, the CEO of Amazon, which is Twitch's parent company. The issue was resolved a few hours later.

Users are recommended to reset their password, as well as enable two-factor authentication to protect themselves from data breaches. Security experts recommend that users set strong passwords that use 12 or more characters, punctuation marks or other symbols and lower-case and upper-case letters.

MASKING PAGE 1

Masks to remain in place for schools through the month

She observed, "Everybody [masked] last year, and the school board was able to... name that one of the reasons they were able to both communicate with people and parents but also keep cases so low was because transmission in school was very small because everyone was wearing masks."

In addition, financial barriers may be avoided if masks remain in place. For example, schools have experienced difficulty finding substitute teachers--both due to shortages and the lack of funds. The continuation of this mandate in schools will protect teachers, allowing them to remain in the classroom.

Similarly, Shorner-Johnson discussed another financial burden on some individuals: the need to get a COVID-19 test. She said, "[Workers] lose hourly employment, and there's a chance that they could lose their jobs [if they contract the disease or have to quarantine]."

This situation also affects parents. If their child is a close contact, they must miss work in order to cater to the school's protocols by obtaining a negative test result, and if not, they have to find child care-which has been difficult during the pandemic.

On the other hand, although masks may prevent the spread of COVID-19, they are a detriment to child development, as emphasized by Shorner-Johnson, who mentioned, "[They] create depressive issues, in that people can't connect in the same way."

It is important that children are exposed to facial expressions, as this is how they will learn social cues and appropriate ways to react. However, Governor Tom Wolf recently announced that he does not plan to reverse the mask mandate this month, stating, "The key is not so much the date. It's when the vaccine becomes available to all school children and how fast we can get them vaccinated."

The issue is that the vaccine is only recommended for individuals 12 and older, meaning that masks are likely to remain in effect for public school children.

In addition, each county's statistics influence masking guidelines. Lancaster County has had 537 positive cases in the past two weeks, with over 85 percent of tests being negative, according to their COVID-19 information hub. There have been 69,535 cases in total. It remains a high-risk county, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

With this information in mind, Shorner-Johnson commented, "The anxiety is not going to go away, with or without masks." Her statement highlights that the fight for and against masking will persist in and out of schools.

Pennsylvania Politics

This monthly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Partisanship has taken another turn in Harrisburg in the form of House Bill 1893 which passed the Pennsylvania House on Oct. 4th along a party line vote. HB 1893 has now moved to the Pennsylvania Senate for consideration.

This controversial bill, sponsored by Bucks County Republican Representative Craig Staats, amends the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955 in order to remove the Wolf Administration's ability to classify state records data related to disease outbreaks and the state's response to disease outbreaks as confidential. Currently these records are not generally open to the public unless released by the state health department. HB 1893 would make state and local department of health data open to the public under Pennsylavnia's Right to Know Law of 2008.

Republicans have painted the bill as a means of encouraging public accountability, while Democrats claim that information the bill seeks to release is already widely available to the public. Democrats claim the bill is just another attempt by the Republican controlled legislature to cement Republican legislative control over the governor's office.

The once little-known 1955 statute became extremely important almost overnight after the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. The Wolf Administration almost immediately began to use the confidentiality clause in the 1955 law to shield them from potential criticism in their handling of the pandemic case numbers and deaths in nursing homes. Health department data used in support of the actions and decisions taken by the Wolf administration in response to COVID-19 is still a pretty tightly kept secret at the state according to Spotlight PA, a non-partisan news outlet.

Republican lawmakers claim they want to end what they perceive as Wolf's surreptitious behavior by amending the DPCA of 1955 to make most state health data available to the general public. According to the Philly Voice, this means that everything from vaccination rates by school district to infection rates by school district and everything else covered under Pennsylvania's Right to Know Laws would be subject to complete and total public exposure.

Democrats have countered by saying that this is simply the latest step in a Republican plan to undermine the power of the governor's office for partisan gain. Similar to the way the Republican dominated legislature approached the mask mandate issue as a matter of individual choice over public health, Democrats are claiming that Republicans are attempting to weaken the role and reputation of the governor's office by politicizing information that the administration already makes available through the state website health.pa.gov.

With state elections only a little over a year away, Democrats argue that Republicans are trying to build momentum to flip the governorship by using certain aspects of the Wolf Administration's pandemic response as a cudgel, while simultaneously downplaying the vaccination progress the Wolf Administration has made. The Wolf Administration consistently updates most of the information that would be subject to the Right to Know Law if the DCPA of 1955 were amended under HB 1893. According to the non-partisan news outlet Capital-Star, most of the major privacy concerns associated with the revision of the DPCA of 1955, such as the publicization of specific medical records for individuals, are exempt from HB 1893 on both the state and federal levels.

Public accountability is extremely important, and although the Wolf Administration has responded to the pandemic relatively well, it could put the negative rumors associated with how it handled the pandemic to rest by releasing all of the health data and increasing the transparency of the administration's response to the pandemic.

AWARD PAGE 1

Alumnus betters the Etown community

After graduation, Kroesen entered the computer service industry, which resulted in a successful career.

He has committed over 40 years of his life to Elizabethtown, and he participates in a number of organizations. Kroesen is a leader in community recreation planning, and participates in the planning of facilities that will help the community grow, whether it's athletic facilities, community recreation activities or service events. Kroesen was heavily involved in the development of the Poplar Street Park in the Borough. The Poplar Street Park is home to many recreational facilities, and has a positive impact on the Elizabethtown Community. Kroesen also helped develop the Greater Elizabethtown Area Recreation and Community Services(GEARS). GEARS offers fitness classes, discounted tickets to events, craft classes, a summer youth program and even a preschool.

All of these outreaches have caused immeasurable influence on the community, from children to adults. Through all of his work, Kroesen has been able to touch the lives of almost every member of the Elizabethtown community, though they may not realize it. Kroesen, a veteran of the United States Airforce, was also involved in the installation of the Veteran's Memorial at the Elizabethtown Community Park.

Kroesen has also been extremely influential in wrestling in the Elizabethtown community. He competed as a high schooler, then later became a youth wrestling coach and an official. He has even been honored with the Lancaster-Lebanon League Outstanding Official Award. Kroesen is also a National Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee and had a heavy hand in the process that allowed the College to host the NCAA Division III National Championships in 2015.

The College presented Kroesen with the 2019 "Educate for Service-Service to the College" Award. This award is one of the highest honors bestowed upon Etown alumni. It recognizes an alumni who presents the core of Elizabethtown College's mission and their legacy. Kroesen exemplifies the College's motto of "Educate for Service."

Congratulations to Kroesen on his remarkable service and dedication to both the College and the Elizabethtown Area, and for being the recipient of the 2021 Vincent W. O'Connor Award.

PSYCHOLOGY PAGE 1

New psychology program begins next fall semester

The program will be jointly offered through the School of Sciences and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS).

Something that is unique about the program is that it is open to more than just psychology undergraduates.

"Students don't need to have an undergraduate degree in psychology to apply to the master's program. All you need to have done is completed three psychology courses and earned a grade of a B- or better," Dalton said.

The application portal will be open this semester with the application deadline scheduled for Feb. 1, 2022. Next semester will be dedicated to reviewing applications and interviewing applicants. The first program cohort will begin in the fall 2022 semester.

"We will take a holistic view of each applicant, and each will be interviewed before they are offered acceptance," Dalton said.

She also clarified that the master's program will be offered to current Etown students, Etown alumni and students outside of Etown. Etown alumni will have their application fee waived upon applying to the program.

Keenan, as well as Dalton and the rest of the psychology department, are excited to launch this master's program in counseling psychology.

"I highly recommend Etown's master's program to any aspiring psych[ology] major. The faculty here are passionate about their fields and are even more so invested in individual student success," Keenan said. "Overall, this program is formatted to maximize individual student success."

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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British lawmaker David Amess was killed Friday, Oct. 15 after being stabbed multiple times while meeting with constituents in a church building in his home district about an hour's drive from London. He represented Southend West in Essex and was a member of the Conservative Party. He died at the scene of the assault despite treatment.

Police arrested a 25-year-old man and recovered a knife from the scene. The police did not offer a motive nor did they reveal the suspect's identity. They believe the man acted alone. However, the next morning, the counterterrorism division of the London Metropolitan Police declared the event to be an act of terrorism. They put out a statement saying that a potential motivation is linked to Islamic extremism and that officers are currently searching two London addresses as part of the investigation.

Amess is the second British politician since 2016 to be murdered while meeting with constituents. In addition, other lawmakers have faced verbal abuse and harassment while entering and exiting the Palace of Westminster and others have even been physically attacked. Between 2010 and 2016 there were nearly 700 crimes against British lawmakers, the vast majority being online abuse, had been reported to the police. These incidents along with Amess's murder have spurred a conversation about whether members of Parliament need extra security to protect them from the public, especially since they frequently interact with their constituents at public places such as sporting events, pubs and school functions. For example, Labour Party member Chris Byrant has suggested meeting with constituents by appointment only.

Similarly, in 2016 Labour Party member Jo Cox was killed after being shot and stabbed while on her way to meet with constituents by white supremacist and neo-Nazi Thomas Alexander Mair, who was sentenced to life in prison for the attack.

Fellow British politicians and leaders, including Prime Minister Boris Johnson, condemned the attack and fondly remembered Amess as being kind-hearted and generous. Johnson paid tribute to Amess Saturday by laying flowers outside of Belfairs Methodist Church, the church building where Amess was killed.

Shortly after Amess's murder, the British government ordered a review of the security measures for members of Parliament. The Houses of Parliament are secured with armed police, video surveillance and security scanners while lawmakers are allowed panic buttons and extra lighting in their homes and offices, which began after Cox's murder. However, this protection does not extend out to lawmakers meeting with constituents in public. While around-the-clock protection is rare for anyone outside of the top-level politicians, extra security may be necessary if lawmakers want to continue the British tradition of publicly meeting with voters.

Late at night on Saturday, Oct. 16, several British media outlets named the man arrested on suspicion of Amess's murder as Ali Harbi Ali, describing him as a British national of possible Somali descent. That same evening, police revealed that a warrant of further detention had been issued, meaning that detectives have until Friday, Oct. 22 to question Ali about his ties to terrorism.

Authorities said that Ali was not on any terrorist watch list and that no group has come forth to claim responsibility for the attack.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Oct. 14 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with administrative reports, starting with Assistant Director of Housing & Resident Life for Student Activities Carina Carpenter. They spoke on events happening over homecoming weekend, including Bingo which will be open to both current students and alumni.

There were no updates for Housing & Residence Life, Campus Security, Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging or Counseling Services.

Center for Student Success sent a representative whose only update is that they are currently trying to hire more tutors for courses that are lacking them.

Representative Marlaena Ciabattoni raised the question if it would be possible to get group study sessions that you could pre-sign up for rather than the drop-in ones that are currently available, due to the limited number of tutors. The representative said for now they will be sticking with the drop-in hours, but suggested looking within specific departments for possible group student opportunities.

Moving into executive reports, Executive Secretary Jalen Belgrave updated that his committee is continuing to work through the approval of each class constitution.

Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci approved a $350 start up fund for the College's chapter of the NAACP. An ongoing request from the Hide and Seek Club was also approved for $574.75, for t-shirts for new club members. Cappucci also encouraged senate members to continue to think of concrete project ideas that could be worked towards completing.

The bulk of the meeting was spent on working to approve a new amendment drafted by the legislation committee. This amendment would firstly change the name of the "Service Committee" to the "Advocacy & Service Committee."

This amendment also provides a clear definition as to what advocacy is, which is something that the current Student Senate constitution does not have, even though each class senate is required to have an advocacy project.

As outlined in the new amendment, the newly named Advocacy & Service Committee would continue the same duties it does as a Service committee, but in addition the committee would be in charge of approving or denying a proposed advocacy project from each class at the start of each fall semester.

Debate was held over the proposed amendment.

There was a motion to add a two-thirds majority vote of the Advocacy & Service Committee to disapprove of a class's proposed advocacy project, to which the vote passed.

A vote was then held to approve or deny the new amendment from being added to the constitution, to which the vote passed.

Moving into committee updates, Business Communications and Traditions focused around finishing up preparations for homecoming weekend.

Advocacy & Service Committee Chair Maddi Holmberg spoke briefly about the Into the Streets service event on Sat. Oct. 23. Holmberg will be giving a PowerPoint presentation about the event during the next senate meeting.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all of the campus community.

Don't feed the plants!

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For the uninitiated, the comedy-horror musical "Little Shop of Horrors" follows Seymour, a wimpy employee in a flower shop, who purchases an unusual plant from a mysterious source. He names the plant Audrey II after his coworker and crush Audrey. That's before he realizes the plant has needs besides the standard water, soil and sunlight.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is full of relevant, contemporary themes. For instance, throughout the musical Seymour is confronted with the toughest question of modern life—'Do I know anyone who deserves to die so I can feed them to my talking plant monster?'

Elizabethtown College is putting on a production of this Alan Menken and Howard Ashman classic. They're the composer-lyricist duo behind "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin" (if the bloodthirsty uber flytrap hadn't already sold you). It is directed by Dr. Anne Gross and assistant director and production stage manager Erin Vago.

The show is serving as an outlet for its cast and crew.

"The musical is a nice escape after a long day of classes, and engineering, and mathematics and computations to be able to be myself and have fun on stage and enjoy my cast and work with everybody on this great show," civil engineering major Devon Moravec said.

Moravec plays the male lead Seymour Krelborn.

When the show's costumer Emma Mesko spoke to the Etownian via Zoom from her costume room, she was hard at work sewing intestines to feed to the plant monster.

"This is my safe space," Mesko said. "I'm here almost every day."

In some versions of the show, Audrey II rains down baby plant plushies into the audience in the finale. I mention this to Mesko and she leans out of frame, shocked.

"*I* have to make them?" she asked, checking with someone out of frame. "Now you tell me?"

Thankfully Vago didn't have to sew Audrey II. The plant grows up throughout the show, so it comes in four variants of increasing size, from a hand puppet at the beginning to a six-foot-tall behemoth at the end.

Audrey II, at least in its later stages, is such a gargantuan centerpiece that members of the cast and crew disagree on how to even classify it.

While Mesko refers to the uber fly trap as a prop, Moravec said, "I would consider it part of the set. For the big one at the end, we had to remove a wall to make sure we can fit it."

So, there's evidently much work to go but the cast and crew are confident in the final product.

"Everyone has just done a great job and it's gonna be a phenomenal show when it all comes together," Moravec said.

Etown's production of "Little Shop of Horrors" is part of a broader story of a reorganization that has made the highest-ranking student member of the crew Vago the last of a dying breed.

The theatre program and other programs were cut in the summer of 2019. Subsequently, seven faculty and staff members were furloughed.

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"Everyone has just done a great job and it's gonna be a phenomenal show when it all comes together."

~ Devon Moravec

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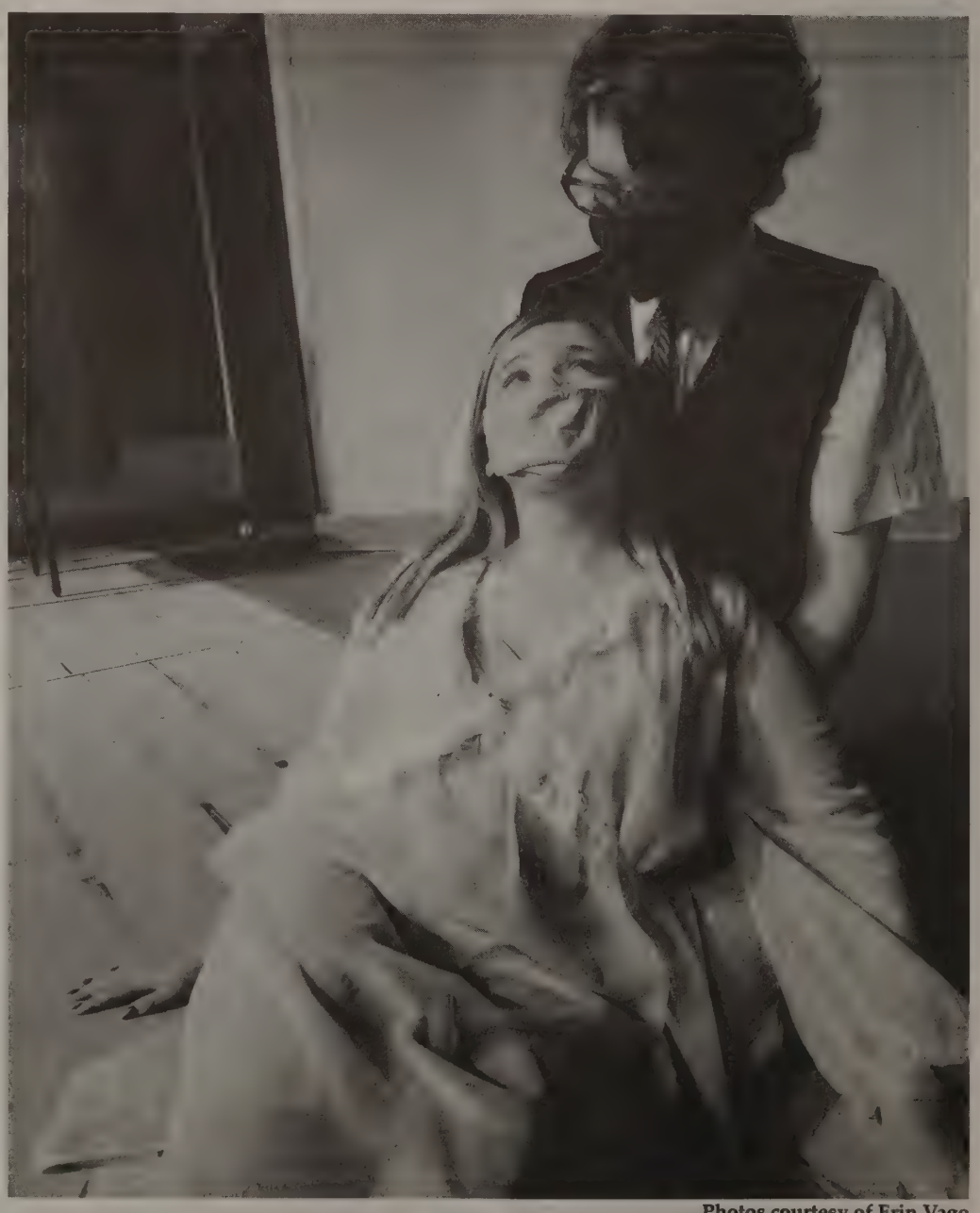
Audrey II, the carnivorous plant monster antagonist of Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's comedy-horror musical, "Little Shop of Horrors."



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Devon Moravec and Natalie Kerchner in costume as as Seymour and Audrey in Elizabethtown College's production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

Women in STEM discuss their club

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Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is a newer club on Elizabethtown College campus. Senior Christina Schnee explained via email that she and a few friends got the idea for the club in fall of 2020, but the club didn't become official until spring of this year.

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Vice President of Women in STEM Christina Schnee hopes to build a supportive environment on campus.

Currently the club's officers are president Celeste Workman, vice president Schnee, treasurer Erin Lewis and secretary Nica McDevitt.

"Celeste [Workman] and I are both pursuing careers in the sciences, [and] we wanted to build a community on campus that would outlast us once we graduate," Schnee said.

Oftentimes women are underrepresented in STEM workplaces, and in some departments at Etown too.

"We wanted to introduce this club to discuss problems specific to women in STEM and provide support systems on campus," Schnee said.

Schnee spent winter break reaching out to many people to make the club possible. She had to find professors to support the club, as well as students to run as officers. Advocating for their club, they have achieved 80 members from different science departments at the College.

The club has many values that make its foundation.

"We want to build a supportive community around women in STEM at [Etown], spark interest in younger generations to be involved in STEM and advocate for women's rights globally," Schnee said.

The club hopes to create an annual scholarship along with having regular STEM events on and off campus.

Women in STEM has plans for various types of meetings to accomplish their goals.

"We offer a combination of casual bonding events and more structured meetings focusing on introducing support systems to women in STEM [on campus]. Our bonding events help us to grow together as a community while our structured meetings are where we report progress on the various projects we are working on," Schnee said.

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Etown's Women in STEM reaches out to local girl scout troops to inspire young girls to pursue careers in STEM fields.

However, not all of the club's events take place on campus. Part of the club's goals consist of impacting women locally and globally.

"We have had community members reach out to us to speak with young girls at local schools and libraries to get them interested in STEM. It is important to us that as a part of our service we contribute to younger generations to empower them to pursue whatever they'd like," Schnee said.

Women in STEM have also reached out to local girl scout troops hoping to have events with them to inspire the girls. Beyond that they hope to leave an impact on women globally through the service of their club. The club is always looking for new projects.

Women in STEM meets every other Monday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Gibble Auditorium.

Series helps students with their freelance businesses

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The Digital Humanities Hub, School of Arts and Humanities, Bower's Writers House and Office of Alumni Relations are working together to help students market their freelance work.

The four-part series is focused on "creating and managing your own freelance business" and is entitled "More Than a Side Gig: How to Value and Market Your Freelance Work."

The project has been funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which is "the largest supporter of the arts and humanities in the U.S." It seeks to aid struggling arts and humanities departments and higher education institutions. The foundation was founded in 1969 by Ailsa Mellon Bruce and Paul Mellon, who are the children of Andrew W. Mellon.

It was organized by a planning committee, which included English professor Dr. Tara Moore, Program Coordinator for the Digital Humanities Hub Carol Ouimet, Dean of Arts and Humanities Dr. Kevin Shorner-Johnson, Director of the Bowers Writers House Jesse Waters and Associate Director of Alumni Relations Kaitlyn Miller.

In regard to the inspiration for the series, Moore was "looking for a way to help her students set up their own freelance businesses." She especially wanted to give them insight on "what to charge, how to manage your time [and] how to make [connections in the field]."

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, students were able to talk with Elizabethtown College sociology professor and author Dr. Conrad Kanagy. He spoke about his latest book in an event entitled "Coming Together While Falling Apart: 'A Church Dismantled'" and his podcast of the same name.

Kanagy recently published his latest book "A Church Dismantled: A Kingdom Restored," which touches on the relationship between the decline of the Church and the work of God. It addresses the institutionalization of the Church.

Over the course of homecoming weekend, alumni returned to campus, some of whom spoke at the Alumni Author Round Table on Oct. 16.

"The event was a casual opportunity for alumni to not only meet with one another for the potential of networking, but to also discuss with Professor Waters and one another what they would like to gain from a more collected sense of the publishing and writing community of graduates from [the] College," the committee said.

Upcoming events include "When the Side-Hustle is the Main-Ride: Developing Your Brand," which will be led by Billy D. Washington on Oct. 27 and "Blue Jays and the Side Gig Hustle: Alumni Panel" with alumni Lori Donofrio-Galley '83, Abby Spessard '19 and Megan White '20.

As noted by the committee, the four-part event series is open to the College community and "each event is centered around individuals who have established their own freelance work."

"Students will hopefully learn from [strategies and techniques] on how to value and market their work and create their own business [from the speakers]," the committee said. "They can also begin to build a support network by connecting with other students who share the same goals."

To transform your hobby into a side gig, attend one of the upcoming events hosted by Washington or Donofrio-Galley, Spessard and White to learn more about how to market your freelance work.

Etown puts on "Little Shop of Horrors"

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"I am the last theater major here, at least for now," Vago said. "I'm hoping that since the department was revived before, it will be revived again someday but I don't know when that is."

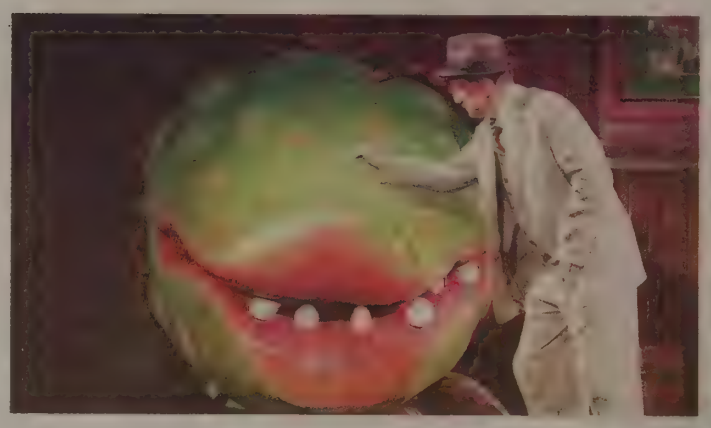
The assistant director views the play as a swan song for the cut theater department. Vago is a theatre performance and technology major at the College.

"The show is not important to only me, but it is extremely important to me because this is part of the last part of the legacy I get to leave. So," Vago chuckled a tad nervously. "Please come see it."

"Little Shop of Horrors" debuts Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tempest Theater located within the Baugher Student Center (BSC). Subsequent performance times can be found at https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/56814.

"I am the last theater major here, at least for now"

~ Erin Vago



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"Little Shop of Horrors "premiers Oct. 29 at the BSC's Tempest Theater.

CGUP discusses white supremacy and global colonization lecture

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This year has seen the implementation of various new projects and events by the Elizabethtown College Center of Global Understanding and Peacemaking (CGUP) in order to better align the organization with not only its values of peacekeeping, but with those of social justice. One of these new projects is a series of events, presentations and workshops that are all part of CGUP's first annual Forum on White Supremacy and Global Colonization.

For the fall 2021 semester, discussing and addressing issues surrounding white supremacy and antiracism are the primary focus. Next semester, the focus will turn international as conversations shift to discuss issues about colonization and others outside of the United States.

The events for this semester have included a panel in October facilitated by assistant professor of psychology Dr. Dawnielle Simmons entitled "Racetalk" in which Simmons utilized her background in Critical Race Theory (CRT) to engage students and faculty in a dialogue about race and bias. There have also been two ongoing events associated with the forum. These events are the "Me and White Supremacy" Writing Workshops hosted Chaplain and Director of Religious Life Reverend Amy Shorter-Johnson in affiliation with the Bowers Writers House and a three-session discussion of "Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America" by Ijeoma Oluo led by Simmons and Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Ellis Bonds.

The Forum's flyer describes its goals as such: "This Forum is designed to promote peace with a focus on the examination of how white supremacy and colonization have functioned in various contexts across the globe and individual empowerment to circumvent cycles and systems of oppression–which is essential to the peacebuilding process."

These sentiments are reflected by the Interim Director for CGUP Dr. Shannon Haley-Mize, who has been the guiding force behind the scenes of CGUP's transformation into an organization prioritizing consistency and justice.

"This is my second year in the role as interim director and in the first year we really engaged in a strategic analysis and planning process for the center and in the process we were really trying to assess where we were doing well and where there were needs for growth," Haley-Mize said. "I really wanted, in my role as director, to have more cohesive programming...so that we could move into advocacy and empowerment.

This movement towards empowerment has occurred in large part due to Haley-Mize's consistent willingness to collaborate with faculty and students who share interests and experiences relevant to CGUP's goals and initiatives. For instance, Simmons has not only been involved in facilitating various panels and events for the Forum— but she was integral to the planning and construction of the Forum as well.

In an email interview, Simmons reflected on her experiences thus far with the Forum. She noted that student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Participants have been so profoundly impacted by the content and are yearning for more programming like this. The energy is excited, activistic and curious," Simmons said. "Appreciation and gratitude have also been an overwhelming sentiment as students genuinely tune in and want to learn about race in a way that fosters understanding and reclaims their humanity."

In addition to these feelings of gratitude, these events have also generated a conversation about structural weaknesses and the continued failure of institutions to address topics of race in meaningful ways.

"Students have articulated never having had these discussions at home and feeling a sense of disappointment, dissonance and a wondering as to why these conversations are not being facilitated in most classrooms and on campus. Many students have asked about mandates as they believe students should be required to attend events related to white supremacy and intersected forms of oppression," Simmons said, speaking to this gap in race-based education.

There are still opportunities for students to engage with Forum events for this semester. On Nov. 7th at 7 p.m. in the Gibble Auditorium, there will be a screening of the film "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools" followed by panel discussion related to the themes of the film. This panel will be facilitated by Director of the Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Title IX Nichole Gonzalez. Simmons, Bonds, assistant professor of French Dr. Vanessa Borilot and adjunct professor of social work TaLisa Ramos will also be participating in the panel.

"Pushout" is a film based on a book with the same title, and it details the experiences of bias and aggression endured by Black girls in the K-12 system.

"People who should be interested in this film are educators," Haley-Mize said. "But, anybody who is interested in...unpacking implicit bias...and being better allies and being active in solutions [should watch "Pushout."]"

"Viewers can expect to witness the heinous nature of white supremacy against black girls and the weaponization against them in emotionally, physically and institutionally assaultive ways," Simmons said. "The discussion will be centered on its prevalence, the consequences it has on black girls and their families, and the ways we can act against it."

In addition to the upcoming "Pushout" screening and panel, there are still available opportunities for students to join in a book club discussing Ijeoma Oluo's "So You Want to Talk" about Race starting in November. Interested students can register by enrolling in the Forum Canvas course, which can be accessed by following this link: https://www.etown.edu/centers/global/calendar.aspx.

Simmons was asked in an email interview to discuss the significance of such a forum, especially at Elizabethtown College. Her response was as follows: "The Forum on White Supremacy and Global Colonization can be the beginning of a revolutionary experience on a campus like Etown that is grounded in heavy and historic representations of white supremacy," Simmons said. "Students are expecting to get a return on their investment--not just white students, but students of color who also get to have an experience that prioritizes their needs and cultivates their essence."

"The institution would benefit greatly by getting on board with the Forum and other programming that speak[s] to the experiences of all individuals," Simmons continued. "White supremacy is not [a] person of color problem, but a problem that we all suffer from as it seeks to keep us from our humanity."

Lauren's Readings: What do the stars hold for you this week?

By: Lauren Robitaille

Aries

As the countdown to Halloween continues, take some time to enjoy some nostalgic movies, whether that be horror, psychological thrillers or classics, take a trip down memory lane. Some options may include "Nightmare on Elm Street," "Hocus Pocus" or "Psycho."

Taurus

Material goods will be even more of a comfort to you this autumn. Take some time this weekend to pick out a new candle, some cozy clothes or cute fall decorations. Find pleasure in the little things in life and treat yourself!

Gemini

Let the love of family and friends replenish your energy and spirit this weekend. Don't worry so much about the heavy things in life and just be present in the moment. These are the memories you'll look back on fondly.

Cancer

Cancers, a fun activity for this weekend may be going to a local craft fair, fall festival or antique show. Whatever your interests include, look into events happening in your area. It's all about getting in touch with your old self, exploring the [illegible] vintage shops are also possibilities.

Leo

A good, old fashioned tv binge may be in your future Leos. With the heaps of shows perfect to watch in autumn, you're sure to find something that captures your attention. Some recommendations would be "The Lost Symbol," "Only Murders in the Building," "Squid Game" and "Panic."

Virgo

For Virgos who need an escape this weekend, there are many great spooky books that have come out over the past couple of years. Reading for school can be draining but it may be time for you to get into reading for fun. Some recs would be "The Invisible Life of Addie Larue" by V. E. Schwab, "The Final Girl Support Group" by Grady Hendrix, and "The Ex Hex" by Erin Sterling.

Libra

As fall gets into full swing, trips to the pumpkin patch and picking in apple orchards is almost mandatory. While carving jack-o-lanterns and sipping hot apple cider, take some time to reflect and rejuvenate for the next week.

Scorpio

With a little over a week left until Halloween, this can be a great time to do some research on aspects of the witching season you've always wondered about. Where ghost stories originate, what really happened during the Salem Witch Trials, how humans interact with the supernatural or simply how Halloween came to be.

Sagittarius

You may have been blocked creatively so far this semester, so it may be time to break out the paints. Whether you are artistically inclined or not, art can be a great indicator of where your thoughts are at. Even if it's just drawing a spooky scene or writing a short horror story, letting your imagination run wild can keep you centered when it comes time to do work.

Capricorn

Capricorns might benefit from romanticizing their lives this weekend. This could include baking desserts for no reason, taking walks in nature, studying in a library or picking out new outfits the night before. Don't take the simple or boring tasks for granted as they are a part of the moments that make up life.

Aquarius

This weekend is the perfect time to cleanse your environment, especially after the stress of midterms. Whether that be a deep clean of your space, digital items or academic organization, getting rid of what no longer serves you will help you to feel more at ease in the long run.

Pisces

It's that time of year to update those playlists I know you have for any scenario. Decompressing with music may be somewhat basic, but that's because it works. Curating a fall playlist with your favorite crunchy leaves and drink all vibes is perfect for afternoon studying or early morning drives.

Mad Cow Improv show

The show is an a-moo-sing time for all farm animals

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Elizabethtown College's first Homecoming Weekend since the start of the coronavirus pandemic was Oct. 16-18, and it was jam-packed with events.

Friday alone had people shuffling from one place to the next, and one of the most attended events was by Etown's very own improv group, Mad Cow Show.

Mad Cow had been a staple group at Etown since the late 80s to early 90s. They perform at many major events on campus, including Homecoming and also some Open House events. Even last year, they managed to put on three shows on the Dell. However, as junior history major Gavin McCabe explains, nothing compares to the experience of an inside show.

"It was amazing to perform indoors again with a live audience," McCabe said. "I'm looking forward to a great year."

When someone joins Mad Cow and thus becomes a cow, they are given a name unique to them. Sometimes this name is chosen from a list of already curated names, but most of the time, they come from an inside joke.

One such instance is Slides, also known as junior Alex Petroceli. His name comes from the fact that he wore slide shoes to his audition, practices and other various Mad Cow meetings. By getting these nicknames, the cows are transformed from college students to comedians, and it gives them a level of confidence they did not have otherwise.

"It felt really good going in. I was confident and had a great time," Petroceli said.

One of the most unique parts of a Mad Cow show is its reliance on audience participation. Each show is made interesting by what the audience offers in terms of suggestions. It is incredible to see the cows take the slightest idea and turn into a full blown bit.

For example, one of the games played at Homecoming, called "This is Your Life," which was based on an audience member's life experience and aspirations. To show just how weird these shows can get, this game featured a goldfish-humanoid that ended up being dissected.

The best part of the Mad Cow shows, besides the fact that they will have you dying from laughter, is that they are completely free which is perfect for the broke and bored college student! In order to raise money, the group will often do fundraisers in the form of raffles at their shows. At the Homecoming show, Mad Cow raffled off the chance to pie their members.

Hilariously, out of the three people who were the ones pieing the cows, two were roommates of their respective cows. Needless to say, the stage was decorated with pie filling.

The funniest game at the show could be made by your suggestion! Mad Cow typically puts on nine shows each academic year, so you still have about eight opportunities to see the improv

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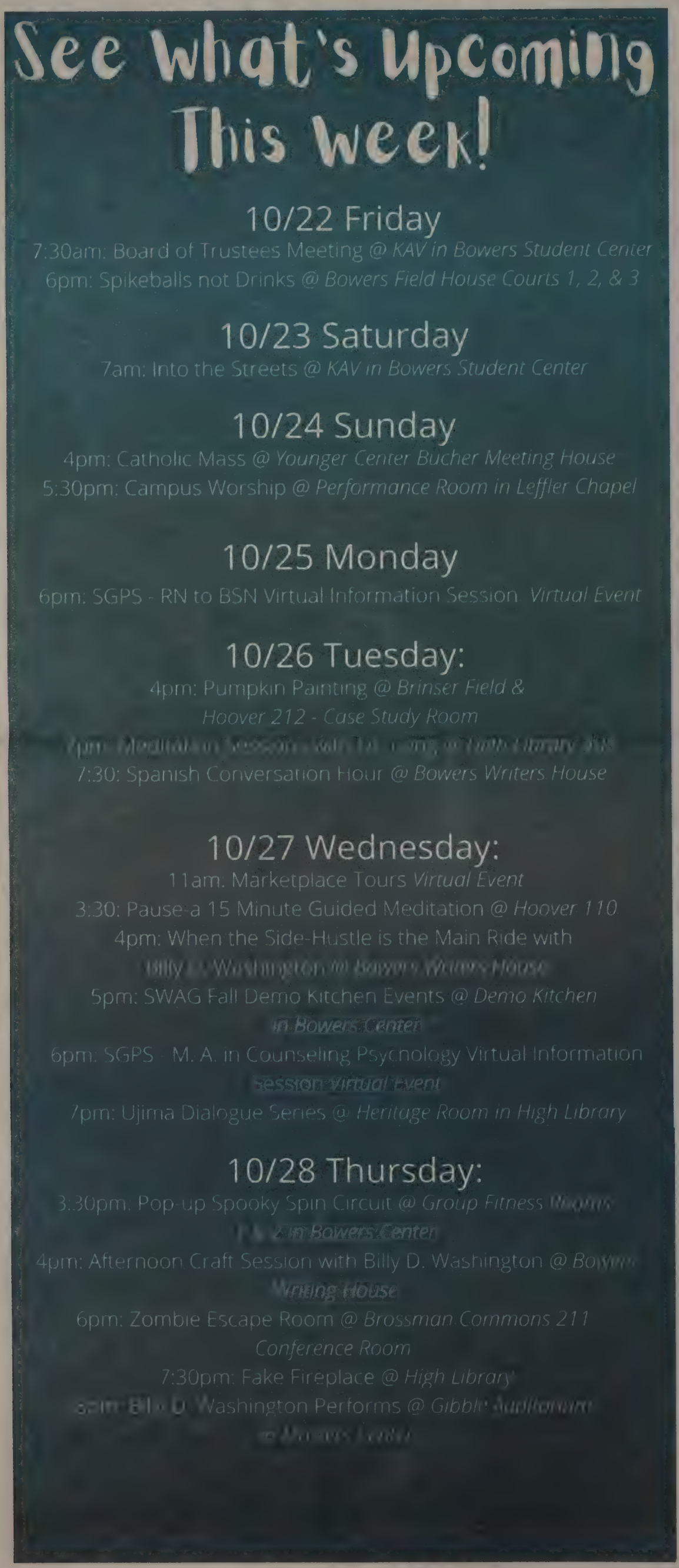
The cows perform "This Is Your Life" and one of the cows gets pied.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6pm: SGPS - RN to BSN Virtual Information Session Virtual Event
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4pm: Pumpkin Painting @ Brinser Field &
Hoover 212 - Case Study Room
7:30: Spanish Conversation Hour @ Bowers Writers House
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7pm: Ujima Dialogue Series @ Heritage Room in High Library
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3:30pm: Pop-up Spooky Spin Circuit @ Group Fitness
4pm: Afternoon Craft Session with Billy D. Washington @ Bowers
6pm: Zombie Escape Room @ Brossman Commons 211
Conference Room
7:30pm: Fake Fireplace @ High Library

Quick meals for cold days

Enjoy a meal without leaving your dorm!

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Recently, the weather has taken a distinct turn towards fall. The leaves are changing, pumpkins patches are open and Halloween is fast approaching. However, the weather is getting colder and colder by the day.

For college students, who mainly walk to get around campus, this change is not always welcome. Some may find themselves wishing they didn't have to leave their dorm rooms, especially on cloudy or rainy days.

Even walking to the Marketplace, Jay's Nest, Fresh Nest or Jay Truck can be a hassle in the cold. Luckily, there are a number of meals students can make without having to step foot outside their dorm!

The best recipes for hungry college students are simple ones. On a cold fall day, there's nothing better than a warm cup of soup: it's quick, easy and pairs well with the weather outside.

My favorite way to make soup on campus is with a simple packet mix, specifically Lipton's Cup-a-Soup instant mixes. These are great to make in the microwave or with a Keurig, so students don't have to leave their rooms. But, sometimes these mixes don't have quite enough substance.

An extra add-in to simple soup mixes could be plain white rice. Most grocery stores sell small containers of rice that microwave in a minute or less; this is easy to prepare and something you can add to an instant soup for a more filling meal.

It may not be gourmet, but this combination is an easy dorm meal that requires almost no preparation and few ingredients. This works well for students who don't have the supplies for a more involved meal in residence hall kitchens, but who don't want to venture outside to the Marketplace. In addition, this is a great meal for someone who needs to eat quickly before class—this can be cooked and assembled in under five minutes. While it isn't anything fancy, this meal is just right for fall and convenient college living.

QUICK SOUP RECIPE

Ingredients:

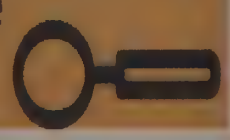
1 Instant Soup Package like Lipton's Cup-a-Soup

1 cup of white rice

Prepare: Make the Instant Soup and the rice as directed on the package

Once both are done, pour rice into the soup and stir to combine

Lastly, enjoy!



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Resident Ghost in Brinser

Could Brinser Residence Hall have a friendy ghost named Jerry living amongst its students?

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I am sure the headline of this article already creates skepticism. Read it or do not read it; it is up to you. But I assure you, everything here is all true.

No, that was not meant to rhyme.

My roommates, Aries Baringer and Korinne Geiger, and I live on the third floor in Brinser Residence Hall. It's a suite with two rooms, a bathroom, kitchen and little common space. There are four doors: one main door to the rest of Brinser, one bathroom door and two doors for each bedroom.

Around the start of the semester, my roommates and I would hear small bangs and creaks. We simply dismissed them as other people moving around Brinser. After all, we lived in Founders Residence Hall our first semester and we heard people throughout the tower. However, we were not expecting the sounds to be coming from our room.

"It sounded like Elizabeth and Korinne were moving furniture around the first week of school," Baringer said.

Often the floors and walls crack after hours when no one is moving and it happens in the middle of the night, too. If it was not in my room, it would be in my roommate's room or in the common area. The sound is like a sharp smack against something.

"Sometimes it sounds like someone is opening the door into my room," Baringersaid. "Typically, I start hearing stuff as soon as the lights go off in my room."

Baringer typically goes to bed around 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., but that does not prevent stuff slamming and creaking around.

After two weeks in, our kitchen blind would slowly rise up after a few hours of pulling it down. Often we would wake up to find the blind all the way up. The shade also only stops at the top or over the sill when pulled all the way down. If it's not down all the way, it will force it's way up.

That's when we determined we had a ghost. Of course, Geiger's first question was to name the ghost. Because Brinser started out as a men's dorm, we went with Jerry.

"I think that's his name because he seems to respond to it," Geiger said. "Like if we say goodnight to him, he doesn't do anything that night."

A week ago, I was sleeping by myself in the dorm. Baringer and Geiger went home for the weekend. I was watching a YouTube video for a while in the dark. All of the sudden, I heard a large bang on my bedroom door. I immediately shot up and grabbed my water bottle to defend myself. When no one came in and did not knock again, I kind of settled down, but did not go to sleep until hours later.

Last week, I was sleeping in Baringer's room and Geiger was away. In the morning, I heard the sound of drawers opening and closing like Geiger had come back early.

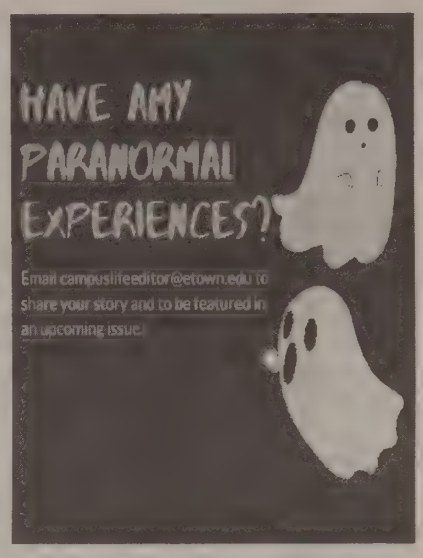
Baringer heard the same thing, saying, "I think she's back. It sure sounds like it."

I got up to see her and no one was there. I texted her to see if maybe she left for class early. Geiger responded saying she hadn't come back to the dorm yet.

After that, we haven't heard any large events. We only have had the small creaks and knocks and the blinds.

"Honestly, I think Jerry just wants to be friends with us and help us with our classes," Baringer said.

We have not had a major paranormal event and we hghostaven't had any voices or apparitions appear yet. However, we will be keeping an eye out this Halloween.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TV review: Squid Game

Should you join the 132 million people who watched Netflix's newest global phenomenon ?

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One of Netflix's newest shows "Squid Game" has become a worldwide sensation. Following its Sept. 17 release, the show became the first Korean drama to top Netflix's global charts.

The show starts off in black and white as Seong Gi-hun talks about a game he played in his childhood known as Squid Game.

While Seong was victorious then, he's experienced loss in adulthood, especially as he's become indebted to loan sharks and the bank, lost jobs and struggled to maintain a relationship with his daughter after his divorce.

The transition from Seong winning in Squid Game to his financial and familial issues showcases his desperation, prompting viewers to sympathize with Seong.

As Seong becomes desperate to gain custody of his daughter, he is approached by a wealthy mogul and challenged to a game of Ddakji, which Seong wins along with a large sum of money. The mogul then mentions a game where Seong could win even more money, and Seong is convinced to join.

Based on Seong's situation, viewers can see how he has grown increasingly more desperate; however, as suspense grows, the viewers expect that the game will come with risks, regardless of the large financial reward.

As Seong arrives at a facility with 455 other players in the game, conflict breaks out between him, Player 218 and Player 067 after Seong recognizes Player 218 as a former classmate and Player 067 as a pickpocket who stole from him. Masked guards then interrupt the conflict, welcoming the players to a series of six games and announcing that winners will be awarded a large sum of money.

Despite players' concerns about the morality of the games, the guards manipulate the players into participating as the players are in debt.

The players start with their first game: Red Light, Green Light. Players are informed that if movement is detected from them after the large robotic doll says, "Red light," they will be eliminated from the game. However, as the players realize after Player 324 is shot after he moves, losing costs one their life.

The show is tense, especially as it offers a critique on capitalism, highlighting how it can drive people to violence. Despite such a grave topic, "Squid Game" is accompanied with classic music, which provides a calming effect, especially after players begin to die in the first game.

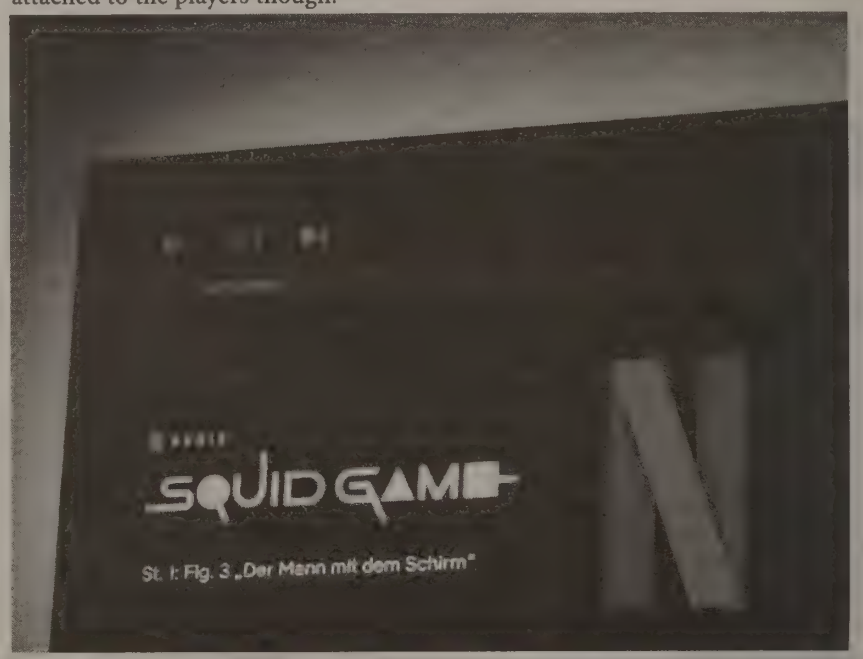
The first episode concludes, just as the game Red Light, Green Light ends. However, prior to the conclusion of the game, one can see the intended audience for the series of games, which is the Korean upper class.

The show "Squid Game" offers social commentary on capitalism, showcasing the violence that can ensue under the system, especially when the bourgeoisie aims to make entertainment out of the proletariat's financial difficulties. Unexpectedly, though, the players in the game have the privilege of voting on whether to continue to play the games.

In an unexpected turn of events, the players vote to end the game, which allows the second episode "Hell" to showcase the players' return to their lives. As their financial hardship worsens, which Player 001 describes as torturous, they become desperate enough to return to the game, which showcases the predatory nature of capitalism.

While the vote was an unexpected turn of events, the second episode "Hell" allows viewers to learn more about the players' background, prompting them to sympathize with the characters even more. It also villainizes the elite that watch the players compete for the financial rewards, risking their lives to do so.

To see what happens next the players, tune into "Squid Game." Don't get too attached to the players though.



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The show's creator, Hwang Dong-hyuk, was rejected by studios for ten years before Netflix purchased the rights

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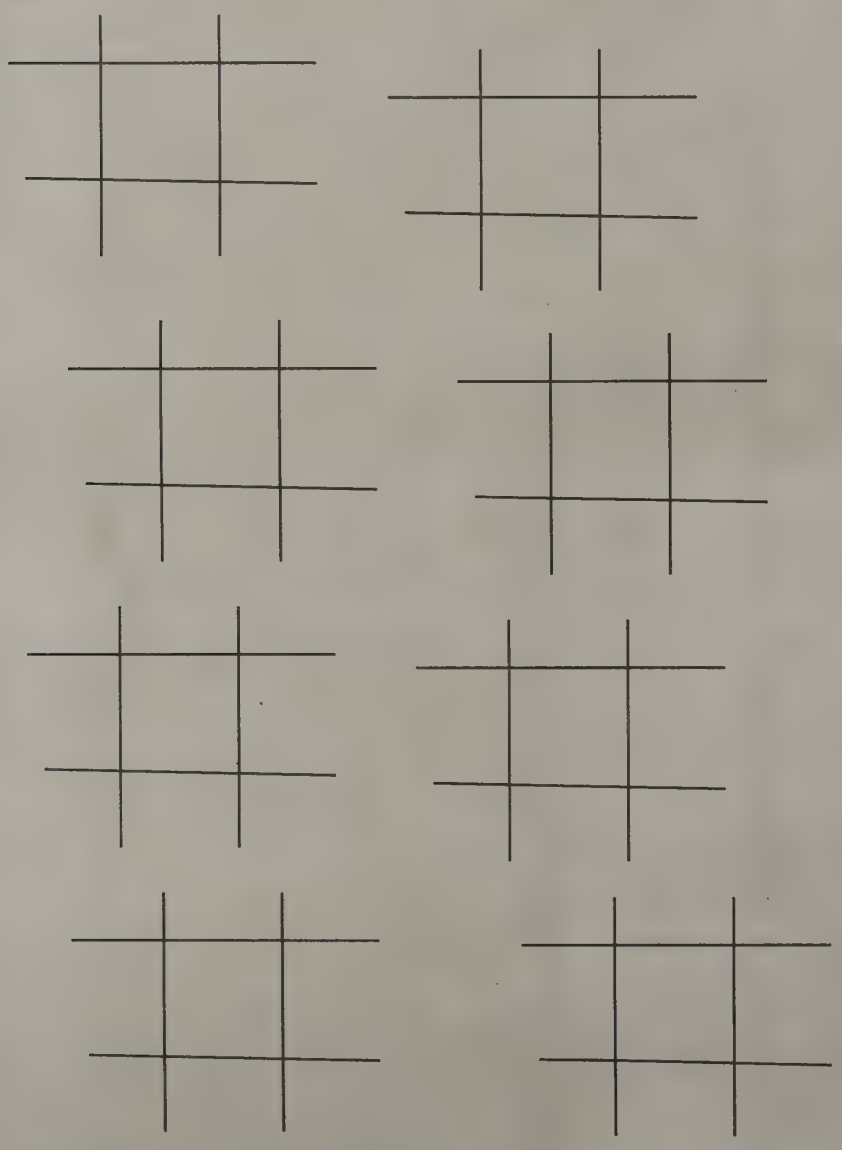

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Cross Country teams take third place at Gettsyburg Invitational

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While many Elizabethtown College students, families and alumni were enjoying the Homecoming parade and other festivities on Saturday, Oct. 16, the College's cross country team was traveling to Gettysburg, Pa. to partake in the Gettysburg Invitational at Gettysburg College.

Both the men and women's teams placed third overall, but the men's team ran against 14 other schools and the women's team ran against 13 other schools. Mount St. Mary's University and Messiah University placed first and second respectively before the men's team.

"We went into the meet really wanting to compete with Messiah...they are really good regional competition this year and if we want to make the national meet we're going to have to beat them in two or three weeks at the regional meet," senior Adam Wolfe said. "It was a little disappointing to lose to them by only 11 points...but it is also encouraging that on a rough day we could keep it that close."

The women were beaten by St. Francis University and Susquehanna University. However, they were able to finish before Messiah University, one of Etown's biggest competitors.

Etown's junior Nick Garrett came in second place overall with a time of 26:01,11 seconds slower than first place runner John Wang from Mount St. Mary's.

Senior Christian Schaaf finished second for Etown with a time of 27:14, followed by sophomore Brandon Baxter and first-year Daniel Myers who finished within two seconds of each other. Rounding off Etown's top five in the 8k was Wolfe coming in 23rd overall.

"We were left wanting a little more...it wasn't an overall great [meet] for us, but it was a learning experience. We took a few steps forward and we now know what we have to change," Wolfe said.

Sophomore Kelty Oaster finished 15th overall but came in first place for Etown with a time of 24:33.

Senior Hallie Weaver came in second with a time of 24:38 and junior Bridget Kennedy finished third with a time of 25:02.

Finishing off the top five was junior Madison Webber in fourth place and senior Brooklyne Wiley in fifth place.

The team's next meet is the Landmark Conference Championship scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30. The meet is being held in Bethlehem, Pa. at Moravian University.

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The Cross Country team of Elizabethtown College comes in third place at the annual Gettsyburg Invitational.

Men's Soccer suffers loss at Homecoming game

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On Saturday, Oct. 16, as everyone was enjoying homecoming weekend, the Elizabethtown College men's soccer team lost their game against Susquehanna University, with a final score of 3-2, in Landmark Conference action.

With the loss, the Blue Jays record drops to eight wins, four losses, and one tie overall.

Junior Ryan Hepler scored his fifth goal of the season early on, while senior Garret Winchilla knocked in his second goal of the year for Etown.

Hepler's finish keeps him leading the team in goals this season. First-years Pedro Guizardi and Cade Brubaker both finished the afternoon with an assist.

The Blue Jays wasted little time getting on the board as Guizardi kicked the ball over the River Hawks' backline early in the first half. Hepler ran on to the pass and touched it past the charging goalkeeper at the top of Susquehanna penalty box and into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead with just one minute and 20 seconds into the game.

Etown increased its lead to two in the 12th minute as the ball spilled out to Brubaker after junior Mehluko Letsoalo lumped a corner kick into the box.

Winchilla pounced on the rebound and rifled the shot into the back of the net for the 2-0 advantage.

Susquehanna found its first goal of the game with 17 minutes and 19 seconds on the clock as a free kick was sent into the goal tender's box from midfield. The ball was touched around the box before it popped out of the scrum to Dilascio who one-timed it into the back of the net cutting the deficit to one.

The River Hawks took advantage of another free kick to tie the game when junior Sean Kellogg dropped a service into the middle of the Etown penalty box.

Junior Kelvin Del Cid came off his line to meet the ball, but Morelli managed to get a touch to it first and tipped over the keeper for the tying goal in the 22nd minute.

With the score tied in the second half, the River Hawks found what proved to be the game-winning goal in the 60th minute. Forcing a turnover at midfield, the River Hawks charged into the attacking defenders. The ball managed to roll to the left side of the Blue Jays' penalty box, where Paczewski then ripped a shot. Del Cid initially got a touch on the ball, but couldn't stop the momentum as the ball trickled into the back of the net, completing the comeback for Susquehanna.

Etown continued to press, but was unable to find an equalizer, falling to Susquehanna 3-2.

Del Cid made three saves for Etown.

Etown remains at home in conference play when they host Moravian College on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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Elizabethtown College Men's Soccer looses by one point to Susquehanna University

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Sept. 28, 2021, the Capitol All-Stars softball game was held in Harrisburg, Pa. This softball game serves as a fundraiser for the Commonwealth's food banks and pantries.

This game was the fifth time Democratic and Republican members of the Pennsylvania Legislature have come together to play a family friendly game of softball. The two teams were called the Yinz and the Youse.

President Pro Tempore of the Senate Jake Corman was co-captain of the Youse team with Democratic House Leader Joanna McClinton. The Yinz team was led by House Speaker Representative Bryan Cutler and Senate Democratic Leader Senator Jay Costa.

"We are out there to raise awareness about food insecurity in Pennsylvania, but speaking for the Yinzers, we also fully intend to win back the trophy tonight," Costa, whose team was a three-time champion until it was bested by the Youse team in the last game, said.

Presented by Harrisburg strategic communications firm Wilson500, Inc. and the founder and former president of Pennsylvania Legislative Services Lynn Deary, the Capitol All-Stars game has raised more than $250,000 to fight food insecurity since its launch in 2013.

"This game is a reminder of the good we can do when we come together," game co-presenter Deary said.

She added that the game's charitable partners, Hunger-Free Pennsylvania and Feeding Pennsylvania, need help now more than ever.

"Our food banks stepped up in a big way during the pandemic to meet a record breaking 45 [percent] increase in demand – they distributed 29.6 million meals in 2020," Deary said, noting that many families visited a food bank for the first time last year.

She urged Pennsylvanians to continue supporting their local food banks.

The Capitol All-Stars legislative charitable softball game is a project of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

Founded in 2013 and presented by Wilson500, Inc. and Deary, the game raises money for food banks throughout the Commonwealth and provides a rare, bipartisan and bicameral opportunity for Pennsylvania's state legislators.

Field Hockey suffers loss at Susquehanna College

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On Saturday, Oct. 16 in Selinsgrove, Pa., the Elizabethtown College field hockey team faced off against Susquehanna College. The Blue Jays ultimately lost the game.

First-year Riley Stephan produced her second goal of the season for the team, which tied the game in the first quarter. However, a third-quarter goal by the River Hawks proved to be the difference as Susquehanna went on to win, 2-1.

On a restart of play on the team sideline, junior Grace Hussey moved the ball ahead to junior Sydney Aguilar. Aguilar took a few touches before passing up to senior Grace Hardy as she headed into the circle. Hardy took a shot that went into the goal, off the goalie's pads, and right to an unguarded Stephan, who easily scored her second of the season to tie the game at 1-1.

Neither side scored in the second quarter as Etown outshot the River Hawks 3-2 in the quarter and had a slight edge, 4-3, at halftime.

Susquehanna came out with a point to prove in the third, not allowing a shot to Etown while scoring one of their own. Senior Sam Banks recorded her fifth of the season and the River Hawks' defense made that goal stand up as they closed the door on the Blue Jays' offense.

Overall, the Blue Jays scored four shots and eight saves compared to 15 shots and three saves from the River Hawks.

The field hockey team will have the week off before hosting Drew University on Senior Day, Saturday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. on Wolf Field.

Personal Health: Helpful tips to maintain a healthy sleep schedule

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Sleep should be considered a priority for everyone, including students at Elizabethtown College.

For Americans ages 18 to 29, 54 percent report getting seven hours of sleep or more and 46 percent report getting six hours or less, according to a study conducted by Gallup. On average, Americans get 6.8 hours of sleep per day.

According to the Sleep Foundation, people ages 18 to 29 should get approximately seven to nine hours of sleep per day. However, when you're a college student, you can lose track of time and may get less sleep than recommended.

When you're taking a minimum of 12 credits or more, plus balancing extracurricular activities, a social life and possibly a job, sleep is absolutely necessary.

Getting the recommended amount of sleep can benefit you as it increases focus throughout the day, lessens irritability and increases physical health. These health benefits can be impaired when you get less than the recommended amount of sleep per day.

Sleep deprivation impacts one in three people, which is approximately 40 million people, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

So what is sleep deprivation? It is when one does not get enough sleep either for a singular night, or for an extended period of time. Sleep deprivation can lead to a loss of productivity, decaying physical health and injuries, among other things. Sleep deprivation can increase anxiety, depression and other mental health issues. Therefore, getting a solid seven to nine hours of sleep a night is beneficial.

But if you are feeling sleep deprived, how can you fix it? A power nap can do the trick.

The term "power nap" was introduced by James Maas in his book "Miracle Sleep Cure: The Key to a Long Life of Peak Performance." Power naps are typically 20 minutes long and can be beneficial as they end before you enter deep sleep, as noted by WebMD.

As noted by Health Ambition, a power nap can boost alertness, improve memory, repair damage from poor sleep habits from the previous night and combat sleep apnea and other sleep disorders.

In the Bower's Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-Being, the Relaxation Room is available to students. According to the College's website, the Relaxation Room "has comfortable chairs and de-stress activities."

The Sleep Pod is also available in the Relaxation Room and is available for 20 minute long reservations, allowing students to take a quick power nap. Students can reserve the Relaxation Room or Sleep Pod by speaking to a member of the Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) or calling The Well at 717-361-1501.

The hours for the Relaxation Room are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

According to Sleep Disorders and Sleep Deprivation, people are asleep for 33 percent of their life. In order to be ready to live your life, ensure that you get those Zs, even if it's just a mid-day power nap after not getting the necessary amount of sleep.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ADAM WOLFE

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Adam Wolfe is a senior captain on the men's cross country team at Elizabethtown College.

Wolfe credits his participation in cross country to his family. His mother sprinted in high school and his uncle especially influenced him because he ran for Shippensburg University and became an All American at the university.

"[My uncle] and I were very close growing up, so I pretty much wanted to be like him," Wolfe said. "In sixth grade I got invited to the middle school cross country practice since you can only start officially running in seventh grade…I really liked being able to go out and blow off some energy because I didn't have many outlets to do that."

In seventh grade Wolfe officially began running for the team and ever since he has run cross country and track every year. Wolfe was recruited by Coach Falk to run at Etown and he did an overnight visit with some of the former players who were on the team at the time.

Since he is a senior, going forward Wolfe plans to take a short break from running to rest his body and heal. However, he does not plan to stop running and wants to begin running marathons.

Photo: Adam Wolfe

Q&A

Class Year: 2022
Major: Data Science
Minor: Computer Science
Hometown: Lebanon, Pa.
High School: Cedar Crest High School
Favorite Jay's Nest item: Crispy chicken quesadilla
Favorite Movie: "Rocky IV"
Favorite singer: John Mayer
Favorite sports team: Philadelphia Eagles
Favorite place to visit: Family cabin in upstate Pennsylvania
Favorite Etown memory: Living with teammates on campus
Greatest Etown accomplishment: Regionals meet sophomore year
Hardly anyone knows that… Really into reading and writing
I started running in… 6th grade

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How the Jays App is bringing the Etown community together

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The Etown Jays App has become a place where students can share their thoughts.

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Recently, the Elizabethtown College Jays App has transformed into a social media platform, deviating from its original purpose.

The service is provided through a company called Campus Ready Education, and colleges across the country utilize its platforms similarly to Etown. It allows students and faculty alike to have a voice across campus--though in a portable manner.

Associate Dean of Students Jenn Crowder oversees the Jays App.

"You can link your Canvas to the app, create private channels for study groups, floor communities, clubs and organizations, etc. When departments and offices, like NSO [New Student Orientation] and OSA [Office of Student Activities], use the app we can also get your feedback on the event, which helps us make your Etown experience that much better over time," Crowder said, highlighting the benefits of the app.

The instant access to many Etown resources is one way in which the Jays App serves as a convenience to students. In addition, it permits all users to reap the full benefits of the College community, as the survey feature on the app can foster improvements across campus.

However, Crowder recognizes that the app is not perfect.

"There are still bells and whistles that I'd like to get up and running across campus to help make it even more robust for folks—like updating club and organization information, providing some insights on how to connect to Canvas and build out your weekly schedule on the app so you have everything right in the palm of your hand. We also want to make sure that students who do not have smartphones know that you can login to the app from your desktop," Crowder said.

She encouraged users to log out and log in to ensure that they are getting the most up to date information, as well as provide her with feedback.

Crowder has seen the gradual changes in content on the app and agrees that students have reshaped its purpose, creating a unique social media platform.

"I personally love the student feed," she said.

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The state of student employment on campus

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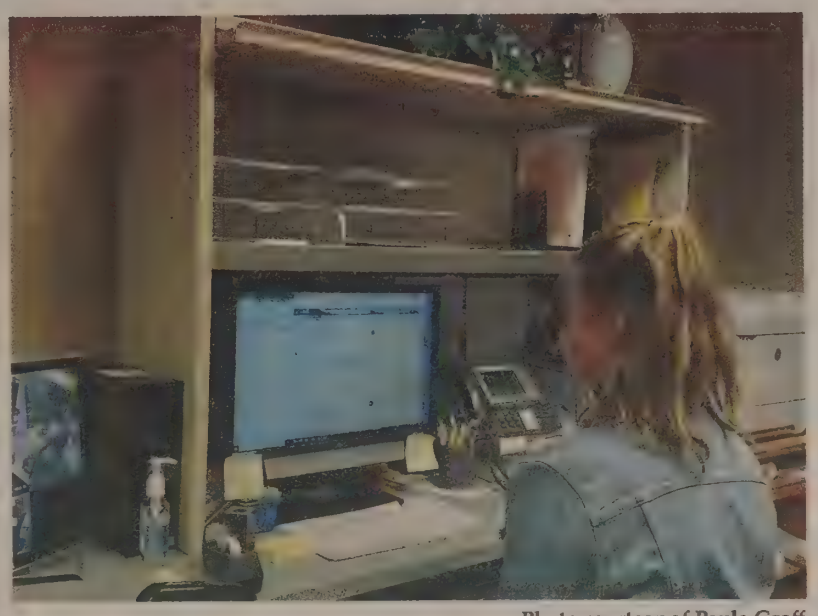

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After facing a shortage last year due to COVID-19 and hybrid/remote learning, many departments are now hiring student workers for this semester.

Most college students don't consider getting a job when they are preparing to move onto campus. However, part-time jobs can help students with housing and tuition payments, food, transportation and other necessities, while also giving them a bit of extra spending money for fun. This is no different for students at Elizabethtown College, many of whom work on campus for various departments and organizations.

Out of the hundreds of on-campus workers, approximately 124 students work multiple jobs on campus according to Human Resources and payroll specialist Israiel Carter. She also explained that the three departments that currently have the most student workers this semester are the Learning Zone, Athletics and Admissions.

However, the number of tutors for the Learning Zone is much lower than in years past. Currently there are 115 active tutors (when normally the department has over 200) with 171 academic courses listed to be tutored. Additionally, 60 percent of these courses only have one tutor able to tutor the course. This is why the Learning Zone has been having issues with scheduling one-on-one tutoring sessions with students.

Several dozen students work for Admissions as tour guides, with their official job title being Blue Jay Ambassadors. Admissions hires new student workers at the end of the fall semester, so the department typically has more students available to work big events like open houses and accepted student days in the spring.

Athletics is another popular department for student workers; students can work on the athletics event crew to prepare for and clean up after games on campus or they can work for athletics communications as student assistants and student videographers.

"The athletics department continues to be one of the highest demanded areas for student work with so many different opportunities within that department," Carter said.

Student employment was down last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic since many students were remote and therefore not on campus to work. It is also possible that having hybrid and remote classes over Zoom made students want to dedicate more time to academics rather than to working on campus.

Carter said that there are no student employment shortages in any departments compared to the prior academic year. In contrast, many departments are looking for new student workers since Etown's campus is now fully open.

What could be holding students back from working on campus?

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Board of Trustees meets to discuss agenda for next year

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On Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, the Elizabethtown College Board of Trusteesmet for a business meeting. The board members first met at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and time to talk.

At 8 a.m., the board started their meeting with a missions moment from 2011 Etown alumna TaLisa Ramos.

Ramos spoke about her experience before, after and while attending the College. She was a first generation college student whose grandparents were immigrants from Puerto Rico. During her first semester of college, Ramos started to question her belonging and began to socially withdraw and experience symptoms of depression, ending with her failing out the first semester of college.

However, she never gave up. Ramos got a second chance and entered the social work program, telling herself the whole time, "I deserve to be here." She realized that if she spoke her voice and shared the pain that she went through, she could improve the lives of other people of Latin origin, first generation college students and people of low socio-economic status.

Once Ramos graduated, she went into the mental health field, where she was usually the only woman of color and the only one from the lower class. In 2019, she became the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer at Millersville University, where one day, she got a call from Governor Tom Wolf's office, where she was asked to be the Inaugural DEI Director for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ramos ended her speech by saying, "In my mind, Elizabethtown College changed my life. Elizabethtown College changed the trajectory of my family."

She received a standing ovation from the members of the board.

President Cecilia M. McCormick, J.D. then introduced senior occupational therapy major and Office of Community and Civic Engagement assistant Hannah Smith.

Smith spoke about Into the Streets, the annual service project that the College students participate in after her presentation.

Dave Fuchs provided an opening prayer.

Members then voted to accept the consent agenda and call the meeting to order. An Enrollment Management and Marketing Update was then presented for the board members. The presentation included a profile of the incoming class and then transitioned to talking about how to recruit more students.

The strategies for fall 2022 are continued focus on partnerships and communications, event focus, recruitment, video and social media enhancement, international agent relationships and continued aid leveraging. Etown will also continue to be a standardized test-optional school. The marketing plan is to increase inquiry pool, campus visits and completed applications overall and to minimize "summer melt," encourage early deposits and out of home advertising.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

Netflix employees staged a walk out on Wednesday, Oct. 20 in a protest against Dave Chapelle's latest stand-up special. The walk out was held in Los Angeles, Calif. and was attended by hundreds of people, including Netflix employees, celebrities and local activists.

In addition to the walk out, remote workers staged their own protest by shutting off their laptops and calling off from work at 12 p.m.

"The Closer" was released on Tuesday, Oct. 5, which has prompted backlash from critics for transphobic and homophobic language. The walk out and backlash subsequently caused the hashtag #NetflixWalkOut to become a trending topic on the social media platform Twitter.

In response to Chapelle's stand-up special, creator of the Amazon Prime show "Transparent" Joey Soloway has called on Netflix to hire a transgender person to the company's corporate board. Other activists listed demands to hire more transgender people, provide disclaimers for transphobic content, and produce more content centering on trans and non-binary people. They also requested that Chapelle be removed from Netflix's promotional materials.

Comedian Seven Graham also attended the protest.

"We are employees, but we are members, too. We believe that this [c]ompany can and must do better in our quest to entertain the world, and that the way forward must include more diverse voices in order to avoid causing harm," Netflix trans employees wrote in their letter listing their demands.

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The protest was organized by activists, one of which was Ashlee Marie Preston.

Former Netflix employee B. Pagels-Minor also attended the protest. According to Netflix, Pagels-Minor was fired for sharing confidential documents with outside sources. However, Pagels-Minor's lawyer denied Netflix's claims. The firing has caused even more controversy for Netflix as critics have defended Pagels-Minor.

"We aren't fighting WITH Netflix. We're fighting FOR Netflix. We all know how great it can be and that it's not there yet," employee Gabrielle Korn wrote on Twitter.

Celebrities such as Elliot Page and Lilly Wachowski have announced their support for the Netflix employees involved in the walk out.

"I stand with the trans, nonbinary and BIPOC employees fighting at Netflix for more and better trans stories and a more inclusive workplace #NetflixWalkout," Page wrote on Twitter.

Other comedians such as Damon Wayans have defended Chapelle.

In reaction to the backlash, Netflix co-chief executive Ted Sarandos has noted that there were issues with communication with staff, as well as noted that the controversy surrounding Chapelle's special should have been discussed with more "humanity."

On the day of the protest, Netflix announced their support for the walkout.

"We value our trans colleagues and allies and understand the deep hurt that's been caused," Netflix said. "We respect the decision of any employee who chooses to walk out and recognize we have much more work to do both within Netflix in our content."

Prior to the walkout, Sarandos sent a memo to staff, which said that "content on screen doesn't directly translate to real world harm."

Overall, activists hope that Netflix executives will listen to their demands, but only time will tell how Netflix will respond to their ongoing public relations crisis.

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Jays App evolves into a unique social media platform

"It's such a great feature for a community to have its own feed and channels to be in touch with each other. Folks are clearly creative and clever, which provides me with some good chuckles from time to time."

In addition, she reflected on the entirety of the Etown family, as the Jays App emphasizes the College's tight-knit, friendly community.

"I appreciate the lost and found feed, because it shows the integrity our community has with regard to looking out for folks. It's also a great way to get information out to students and something more offices and departments around campus are working to utilize," Crowder said.

Many not only use the app to help others but also to highlight campus events, express concerns and most notably, share their sense of humor.

Rising Jays App user and first-year student Brock Malone frequently posts on the app. However, he did not start utilizing it until recently.

"One night, I was sitting with a bunch of friends and one of them brought up the Jays App and how it isn't really used," Malone said. "We all thought it would be funny if we started using it almost like Twitter and so I posted something about a petting zoo...and then it kind of took off."

Through this, Malone has inspired others to regularly engage with the platform, bringing smiles and laughs to the community daily.

One of his favorite aspects of the Jays App is "...[the] posts that get a lot of interactions...because it makes me feel like a part of the community more."

However, Malone has one wish for the App, requesting, "All I want is to be verified. Please Elizabethtown. Verify me."

In response to this, Crowder said, "The app is an internal Etown product, you don't need a blue check to be verified; having access means you're verified. And in my book, Brock and Emily [Ward], whenever I read your posts, I know you're the real deal. The check is implied and I'm not alone in that belief."

Both Crowder and Malone's accounts reflect a single idea that encompasses the platform: the Jays App brings the community together.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro launched his bid for the Democratic nomination to the highest post in the state government on Wednesday, Oct. 13. That same day, Shapiro held his first public campaign rally at Pittsburgh's North Shore Riverfront Park.

Shapiro came to national attention in the wake of the 2020 November general election by defending election integrity within the Keystone State following President Joe Biden's defeat over the incumbent former president Donald Trump.

During the unveiling of his campaign, Shapiro stated, "There's too much on the line. We all have a responsibility to show up, to stand up and to fight for what's right."

Currently, Shapiro is the only Democrat to declare candidacy for the party's nomination for the governor.

Current Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf cannot run for reelection, as Pennsylvania governors are restricted to two consecutive terms in office.

On the Republican side, as many as 15 candidates could declare for their party's nomination to take back the governor's mansion.

Currently, only nine candidates have officially announced their candidacy for the Republican nomination: former U.S. congressman Lou Barlette, former Chief of Staff to Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley and CEO of Chester County Chamber of Business Guy Ciarrocchi, Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale, GOP Strategist and CEO of Quantum Communications Charlie Gerow, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bill McSwain, former mayor of Corry, Pa. Jason Monn, attorney Jason Richey, retired UPS executive John Ventre and world-renowned cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Nche Zama.

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A GOP poll within the Republican party has shown a majority of likely voters are undecided on who they will vote for in their party's primary. However, within that poll, former Congressman Lou Barletta holds an early lead among the candidates currently declared.

"Polls don't motivate me, my four daughters, ten grandchildren and almost 13 million Pennsylvania residents motivate me to fix what's wrong in the Commonwealth," Barlette said.

He is not letting his early standings in the polls impact his campaign.

Pennsylvania Republicans are running on several key issues in this race. From election integrity to hardline stances on immigration, Republicans are concerned that another four years of a Democratic governor would be disastrous for the Commonwealth.

The rights to an abortion has been one of the largest foundations on which the Democratic Party of Pennsylvania is building their campaigns. Wolf, a former Planned Parenthood volunteer, has been heralded as a major defender of the right to choose. Democrats are concerned that if a Republican were to win the 2022 gubernatorial race, laws like Texas's near total ban on abortions would become a reality to Pennsylvania citizens.

Election integrity is also on the mind of the Democratic Party of Pennsylvania. State Republicans are planning to carry out a "forensic audit" on the 2020 General Election within the state. Several state Democrats, including Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Shapiro have filed lawsuits to block personal information of voters from being released to those state Republicans.

With several other high-profile candidates yet to declare in both parties, the race for the new Pennsylvania governor has been declared a "toss-up" by numerous election experts.

The state primary election for each party to choose their nominees is slated for May 17, 2022. Voters will then return to the polls on Nov. 8, 2022, for the pivotal midterm elections, where Pennsylvanian's will vote for Governor, Lt. Governor, U.S. House of Representative members, an open U.S. Senate seat, State House of Representative members, numerous State Senators and various others.

Until then, voters are encouraged to vote on Nov. 2, 2021 for various local and statewide races.

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Proposal to increase student wage put forward by Senate

One possibility could be the sudden transition to remote and hybrid learning in 2020 and the slow transition back to everyone being on campus again.

The Learning Zone said in the Student Senate meeting last month that the number of students willing to or able to be tutors has fallen dramatically since the College went hybrid.

Another reason could be the hourly wage for on-campus jobs. Currently, the student worker minimum wage is $7.25 per hour, the same as Pennsylvania's and the federal minimum wage.

Earlier this semester, Student Senate invited the student body to participate in a survey about student employment, and they found that 97.1 percent of responses indicated that they would be significantly more interested in working on campus if the wage was increased. Student Senate then put forward a resolution on Thursday, Oct. 7 that would increase the student worker wage from $7.25 to $10.00 per hour. The current wage has not been increased in over a decade even though inflation has dramatically decreased its purchasing power.

"Based on our findings and research we believe that a $10.00 student worker minimum wage will greatly improve student worker experience on campus, provide a decent wage and support the College's mission," the statement read.

Student Senate requested that the wage increase be implemented by Jan. 10, 2022, the first day of classes for the spring 2022 semester.

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Board of Trustees plans for the fall 2022 semester

The College is also currently running video advertisements on streaming services and using geotargeting.

After the presentation, Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies (SGPS) Jack Rice gave a presentation on the strategy of the SGPS going forward. He first spoke about the recent success of the SGPS and the new sense of teamwork at the College, especially between his team, the admissions team and the deans of the different schools. He said that there are many combined efforts across campus.

In the past 18 months, the SGPS has built two new masters degrees, six new graduate certificates, reversed a revenue decline, and launched 80 mini courses on a new non credit platform, called "Etown Edge."

Then, the market analysis for the SGPS was presented. The goals were the same as the general marketing strategy for the College. The SGPS also has its own logo, EtownGPS, that is used for its advertisements.

The board then took a short break, and went into committee Reports and Executive Sessions, which were for board members only.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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The 26th annual Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change (COP26) will take place between Sunday, Oct. 31 and Friday, Nov. 12. The conference was supposed to take place in late November 2020 in Glasgow, Scotland but was postponed last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The countries that will attend COP26 signed the 1994 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Treaty. World leaders representing these countries will attend, along with high-ranking officials and other experts working on climate issues, people representing the business sector and fossil fuel companies and climate change activists.

COP was developed in order to fight climate change on an international level. Burning fossil fuels emits greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, into the atmosphere. These greenhouse gases prevent heat from escaping into space and instead warm Earth's atmosphere. This has major negative effects on the climate, including rising sea levels, melting polar ice caps and more extreme weather events.

COP25 was held in Madrid, Spain in November 2019 with climate activist Greta Thunberg giving a speech at the event focusing on the need for the public to put pressure on political leaders to take action against climate change. By the end of the conference, each nation agreed to create a plan to cut their carbon emissions by the next COP. However, the event also finished with many major issues left unresolved.

While some events are unproductive, others are quite successful. For example, COP21 held in Paris, France in 2015 resulted in over 190 countries signing the Paris Agreement, which created the goal of limiting the global temperature increase to below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Climate scientists have deemed two degrees Celsius to be a critical threshold and warming above that will cause extreme weather events to render the world's most populated areas as uninhabitable. However, it is preferable to keep global temperatures from rising past 1.5 degrees Celsius in order to limit more frequent and intense climate extremes.

As monumental as the Paris Agreement was at the time, it did not have an actual plan of action for the world to achieve this goal. Future COP events will focus on creating a detailed course of action.

President of COP26 and member of Parliament Alok Sharma has laid out a series of goals on which he wants the participants of COP26 to reach an agreement. These include maintaining the original goal of the Paris Agreement alive, putting an end date to using unabated coal, providing $100 billion of annual climate funding to developing countries to reduce fossil fuel emissions, making all new car sales zero emissions within 14 to 19 years, ending deforestation by 2030 and reducing methane emissions which are 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Many countries have also committed to the goal of reaching "net zero" carbon emissions by 2050. "Net zero" means that the amount of greenhouse gases emitted is equal to the emissions removed from the atmosphere. A UN report stated that if the world reaches net zero by 2050, the 1.5 degrees Celsius goal will also be achieved.

U.S. President Joe Biden recently announced at the UN General Assembly his commitment to double the funds going to developing countries to help fight climate change, and Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China will not build any coal-powered projects abroad. This is great news considering that the U.S. and China are two of the biggest fossil fuel consumers.

However, several countries including Russia, Australia and Brazil have not submitted sufficient pledges to cut emissions that meet the 1.5 degrees goal. In order to properly fight the effects of climate change, all countries need to cooperate and commit themselves.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Oct. 21 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with administrative reports, starting with Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez. Gonzalez first let students know that the board of trustees is on campus. She also spoke about moving forward with the approval process for the College's strategic plan that has been in the works since last spring.

Assistant Director for Housing & Resident Life for Student Activities Rina Carpenter spoke on the Office of Student Activities (OSA) HUB being reopened. The HUB is located next to the mailroom and is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The purpose of the HUB is to have a place where students can ask questions and learn more about upcoming OSA events.

Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Ellis Bonds spoke, thanking the Student Senate for participating in the safe zone training. This was Bond's last Senate meeting, as his official last day at the College was Oct. 25.

Counseling Services and Student Health Director Bruce Lynch said that rapid at-home COVID-19 tests were purchased and ordered; however there is no current timeline as to when these tests are expected to arrive.

First-year senator Brendan Guy raised concerns about the procedure of student athletes being COVID-19 tested. Guy said that in his experience little direction was given on how to complete the test and once the oral swab was turned over to the coaches, it was up to their discretion to mark the test as either negative or positive.

Both Lynch and Gonzalez said that the procedure in which student athletes use will be looked into.

Moving into student comments and announcements, first-year senator Marlaena Ciabattoni and Guy recited a piece of work titled "Human Rights Are Not a Political View," calling for the Student Senate to continue to push for advocating for all student rights.

Sophomore representative Megan Gangl spoke on behalf of the entire class of 2024 senate cohort on how they are calling for a written apology from employed leaders of the College from lack of communication and action after harmful language was used in a classroom. The class is also calling for an ad hoc committee to be formed to push the leaders of the campus to be more honest and open to the campus community about this incident.

Executive President Andrew Furman began executive cabinet reports with the statement that on Friday, Oct. 22, Executive Vice President Christina Schnee and himself will be meeting with the board of trustees. Furman also reported that the Senate strategic plan will be rolled out Thursday, Nov. 11, with a rain date of the last meeting of the semester.

Schnee reported that there are currently three judicial reviews occurring and the committee will be meeting later that evening.

Executive Secretary Jalen Belgrave reported that his committee has reviewed all the class constitutions and has sent out revisions to be made.

Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci reported that his committee will be starting preliminary research into the concrete project idea to put menstrual products into bathrooms across campus.

Executive Publicity and Marketing Chairperson Jessica Freels announced that Trunk or Treat will be held Wed. Oct. 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Leffler Chapel parking lot.

Transitioning into new business, Advocacy & Service Committee Chairperson Maddi Holmberg gave a presentation on Into the Streets, including a timeline of the day and activities that senators can expect to be completing throughout their day at Mennonite Central Committee.

Both Traditions and Business Communications committee updates revolved around thanking everyone for the work put into planning this year's Homecoming.

The meeting was then moved into executive session.

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Annual Into the Streets greatly benefits those in need

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Photo courtesy of Valerie Ammar-Khodja

Students flocked to the KAV to particpate in various service opportunities.The KAV housed on-campus volunteer options.

Elizabethtown College Center of Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) hosted their annual Into the Streets. This day of service was held on Saturday, Oct. 23 and spanned from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clubs, teams and individuals flocked to their designated area to volunteer; this included places throughout Elizabethtown, neighboring towns and work on campus.

Approximately 400 hundred students participated in Into the Streets, marking this event as a success.

Into the Streets supports the college's motto of "Educate for Service." Students represented this moral throughout their volunteer work and learned the importance of serving others.

CCCE Student Office Assistant Cassandra DeBacco shared the necessity for Into the Streets and its correlation with the College's statement.

"Into the Streets is important because it is important for the college to see the need for service in our community. We had dozens of service options and could have had students participate in many more. It is great to see students and clubs coming together and getting to know each other better. But this event is so important because it gives [the]College a chance to give back to the community that gives us so much," DeBacco said.

DeBacco was inspired to work for the CCCE from a college sponsored service trip she attended.

"I had gone on a spring break service trip to Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Florida in March 2020, right before COVID[-19]. After attending that trip with my now boss Sharon Sherick, I got a quick glimpse of all the important and hard work the CCCE office does and knew I would love to be a part of it," DeBacco explained.

CCCE works tirelessly to give students opportunities to serve. Through their dedication, it allows Etown students to see the positive impacts that they can have on those in need.

Junior Valerie Ammar-Khodja expressed her gratitude for CCCE and their commitment to service. Ammar-Khodja was excited to attend Into the Streets because of her love for helping others.

"I decided to go to Into the Streets because I am passionate about helping my community and it is a tradition at Elizabethtown that I am excited to be a part of. Some of the projects go directly to supporting people in Elizabethtown, and I appreciate the fact that I can see how my efforts pay off," Ammar-Khodja said.

She further explained the greatness of the event, specifically sharing its beneficial opportunities for all students.

"I think Into the Streets is important because it gives students an accessible opportunity to make an impact on their community. As a college student it can be hard to find ways to volunteer because of our busy schedules. Into the Streets is also accessible to every student, no matter their interests, skill levels or abilities," Ammar-Khodja stated.

Overall, the 2021 Into the Streets was extremely successful, benefitting a multitude of different organizations, communities and peoples.

DeBacco hopes that the event inspired volunteers to create new connections and notice the importance of their work.

"I hope all volunteers were able to bond with their club or friends. More importantly, I hope they saw the need Etown and surrounding towns have for service," she said.

DeBacco expressed her gratitude for CCCE Program Coordinator Sharon Sherick.

"None of this could have happened without Sharon Sherick. She is a vital person in everything the CCCE office does. Her passion for helping others along with her compassion for all is unmatched. I feel very blessed to work with her," DeBacco explained.

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Into the Streets participants went into Elizabethtown or neighboring towns to perform acts of service.

Migration stories of Mennonites of the move

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On Thursday, Oct 21, Dr. John P. R. Eicher presented a lecture summarizing the main idea of his recent novel, "Exiled Among Nations: German and Mennonite Mythologies in the Transnational Age." The book was published by Cambridge University Press, 2020, and recently received the 2021 Dale W. Brown Book Award.

Eicher is an assistant professor at Pennsylvania State University - Altoona. He became interested in the Mennonites during the Chaco War, which occurred between Bolivia and Paraguay and lasted from Sept. 9, 1932 to June 14, 1935.

"Mennonites are a nonviolent group of people," Eicher said.

He was interested in how the Mennonites handled their lives during the war.

Eicher discussed his novel through a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the main points from it. The Mennonites were split into two groups: Menno Colony and Fernheim Colony. Each colony had similar customs, but they were perceived differently.

Neither wanted to spread nationalism or conduct religious ecumenicism while migrating. Despite that similarity, each colony had different reasons for doing so.

"The Menno Colony did not like nationalism or religious ecumenicism," Eicher said. "They were voluntary migrants, who wanted no outside connections."

The Fernheim Colony were a group of refugees who wanted many outside connections. They primarily joined outside organizations and also participated in the Nazi movement while in Germany.

When arriving at their destinations, each colony adopted identities within those areas.

To display the timeline of each migration, Eicher mapped them out.

The Menno Colony moved from Russia and arrived in Canada in 1874. Then they moved from Canada to Paraguay in the early 1920s.

"The Canadian government invited them as migrants and Germans," Eicher said.

The Canadian government also invited them as Christians and farmers. While settling there, they primarily made their living off of farming.

The Menno Colony then decided to leave and eventually arrived and settled in Paraguay in 1926.

The Fernheim Colony left Soviet Russia, but some migrated to Germany and China in 1929. Then they moved to Paraguay in 1930 and settled next to the Menno Colony.

A lot were farmers, but some became teachers and doctors.

Upon arriving at Paraguay, some had to relearn farming.

Around this time, the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) helped conduct religious ecumenicism. In other words, to promote unity among Christian churches worldwide.

It was founded in 1921 as a global Mennonite church, bringing Mennonites together, even from Russia. However, it broke apart due to a lack of popularity. It repopulated in 1929, and it managed to unify Mennonites globally along with other nations.

Afterward, Eicher developed a "Plot" progression of The Fernheim and Menno colonies' travels much like a Biblical storybook. He focused on how each colonies' experiences during their travels changed them using his two terms: "Comic Progression" and "Tragic Progression."

He associated the Menno Colony with a Comic Progression. Throughout their travels, they believed that God was leading them to their destinations.

"In a Comic Progression, a problem becomes a crisis, but it gets better at the end," Eicher said.

Photo courtesy of John Eicher

Dr. John P.R. Eicher summarizes his novel "Exiled Among Nations: German and Mennonite Mythologies in the Transitional Age" during a recent lecture.

The Menno Colony believed any problem was a test from God, and He would restore them with what Eicher called a "happy ending."

The Fernheim Colony, on the other hand, endured a Tragic Progression.

"In a Tragic Progression, there is a crisis, but it gets worse," Eicher said.

They thought they belonged in Russia but were forced to move out. While migrating, they faced what Dr. Eicher called an "ambiguity." They were unsure of their roles in the world.

In China, they faced a tragedy that made them move to Germany.

"When getting persecuted by the communist government, they fled to Germany," Eicher said.

In Paraguay, they devised new endings to their story. They also hoped that living there was temporary and would return to Russia.

Dr. Eicher closed his presentation with some takeaways. One major one was to pay attention to stories groups tell about themselves.

"Be aware of how we identify others and what their stories are," he said.

Dr. Eicher's event was sponsored by the Young Center and professor of history and Anabaptist studies Dr. Steven Nolt.

"Each year, the Young Center conducts the Dale W. Brown Book Award," Nolt said.

Judges outside of Elizabethtown College read selected works and novels and announce the winner each spring. The winner is then invited to campus to deliver the Dale Brown Lecture in the fall.

Young Center Fellow releases podcast on Amish life

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Senior Fellow at Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies Dr. Donald Kraybill put out a new book called "What the Amish Teach Us" on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

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Eric Schubert produced Dr. Kraybill's podcast "What I Learned from the Amish."

But before it hit shelves, Kraybill's contact at his publisher Johns Hopkins University Press came to him with an idea.

"The editorial director at Johns Hopkins University Press said in January or February of [2021], 'Don, you ought to do a podcast and just read each chapter in here,'" Kraybill said. "And his publicist said, 'No, no, no. Why would anybody buy the book if you're going to read the whole thing?'"

So, Kraybill decided to record his thoughts on just four of the 22 topics in his book in a tie-in podcast called "What I Learned from the Amish." He had plenty of thoughts but needed some help on the technical aspects of podcasting. He found it in Etown history and political science major Eric Schubert. Kraybill calls him his "podcasting producer guru."

"I want to underscore Eric Schubert's contribution," Kraybill said. "To be honest, I don't know anything about this smart stuff. My granddaughter said, 'Wow Grandpa, you're on Spotify. That's really cool.' I don't know what Spotify is but there I am."

Schubert began working as an assistant in the Young Center at the beginning of his sophomore year. His main project has been to write a tour through a Center exhibit. During this project, he interviewed Young Center scholars including Kraybill. This, in part, led to their collaboration.

Schubert had some experience with podcasts but said he learned a lot from working on "What I Learned from the Amish."

"I have produced podcasts in the past but definitely not as intensive as this," said Schubert. "I relied on my previous experience and then I learned something new—which is always fun."

That theme of learning drives both Schubert and Kraybill.

"It was really interesting to think I knew about a topic, then realize I understood one percent of it. It was great to learn the other 99 percent," Schubert said of his time at the Young Center.

"Dr. Kraybill always said he learned a lot from how I was running the podcast, but I always told him I learned so much from just sitting there dead silent in the recording studio, listening to what he had to say," Schubert said.

Part of what drew Kraybill to studying the Amish was a desire to understand the apparent inconsistencies regarding their use of technology.

"For instance, they wouldn't let their members own a car or drive a car, but they can hire a ride," Kraybill said. "I say in the book that they out-Uber-ed Uber by a hundred years."

Or another one—why was Kraybill's Amish friend Ben allowed to make a guest appearance in the podcast, but wouldn't have been able to if it had been recorded on video? These kinds of eccentricities led to Kraybill's first book in 1989 called "The Riddle of Amish Culture."

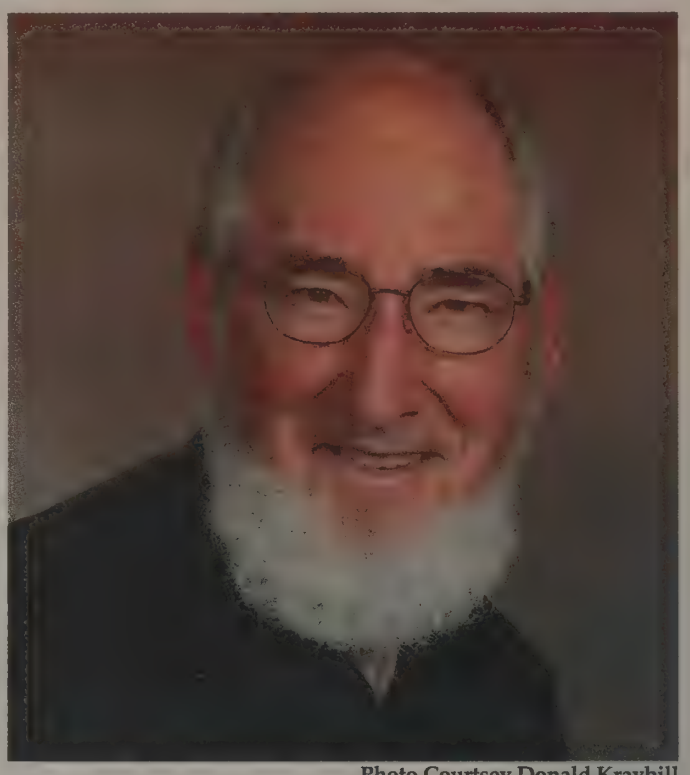

Photo Courtsey Donald Kraybill

Dr. Donald Kraybill launched a podcast to accompyany his new book "What the Amish Teach Us."

"I tried to explain those [riddles] and showed why they weren't stupid or foolish or hypocritical but made a lot of sense inside the Amish community," Kraybill said.

Kraybill spent decades continuing this search for knowledge and understanding and his new book "What the Amish Teach Us" lays down some of the insights Amish culture has given him into such diverse topics as community, parenting, death and (presumably metaphorical) hacking.

As of Friday, Oct. 15, just the first two episodes of "What I Learned from the Amish" had already been downloaded 412 times in 207 cities and towns.

In fact, the podcast has been such a success that Kraybill and Schubert are adding an additional five episodes to be released in November 2021.

"The response has been overwhelming," Schubert said. "The Johns Hopkins editorial director loved the podcast, which was such a compliment coming from Johns Hopkins."

Kraybill's podcast can be listened to at amishteach.buzzsprout.com and other podcast sites, and the book on which it's based can be purchased through Amazon.

2021 Homecoming Parade kicks off Homecoming festivities

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On Saturday, Oct. 16th, the 2021 Elizabethtown College Homecoming Parade was held. The parade featured community organizations, such as the Elizabethtown Police and Fire Departments, as well as numerous floats from the College.

Etown President Cecilia M. McCormick, J.D. rode in a car near the beginning of the parade. Following her were various student clubs and organizations, as well as the Homecoming King and Queen, Sam Niles and Natalie Blanton.

Organizations represented included Alumni Council, Honors Council and Emotion, as well as a cappella groups Melica, Vocalign and Phalanx. Also in the parade were the Etown dance team and members of the Homecoming Court.

The parade was well-received by those in attendance.

"It's great to see people enjoying themselves and things getting back to normal like they were before COVID," junior Andrew Furman said. "The class of 2023 and class of 2022 both had really good floats."

First-year Tyler Seidel agreed with Furman.

"[I thought] the parade was pretty good," he said. "There was a lot of variety [in the floats]."

Other members of the community also enjoyed the parade, including Jim Young, the father of a first-year student.

While Young couldn't decide on a favorite part of the parade, he said, "It was a nice long parade, for a small town."

"I've gone to parades in small towns before, and I thought [the College] did a real nice job," Young said.

At the parade's conclusion, McCormick officially announced the start of 2021 Homecoming and Family Weekend.

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The Homecoming Parade was held on Oct. 16th.

Horoscopes: What candy are you based on your zodiac sign?

By: Chandler McGuire

Aries

The ideal candy for the self-assertive and brave Aries are Hot Tamales. Just like you, they are the perfect combination of fiery and sweet.

Taurus

Taurus, you are very dependable, and no candy says that like the classic Hershey bar. Simple as it may be, sometimes, a plain chocolate bar hits the spot.

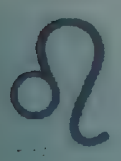
Gemini

Gemini, you like to keep yourself busy. So busy, in fact, that sometimes, you may have a desire to clone yourself. While that's impossible, eating a twin Twix bar might help.

Cancer

Cancer, you may have a strong wall built up around you, but deep down, you are very emotional even if you keep it hidden. Thus, the iconic Tootsie Pop is perfect for you this Halloween.

Leo



Leos love to be the star of the show, so the best candy for you are Starbursts. They're fun and with a variety of flavors, so that even the pickiest Leo will find one they love.

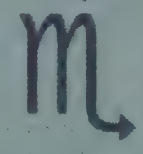
Virgo

If someone like M&Ms, they most likely have a preferred way of eating them, whether by color, in a line, etcetera. With your perfectionist nature, Virgo, eating M&Ms in a particular order can satisfy your perfectionism.

Libra

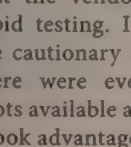
The perfect candy for the Libras that crave harmony and symmetry is the classic Kit-Kat bar. With the split style of the candy bar, it is reminiscent of the scales which is the Libra symbol.

Scorpio



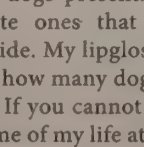
It cannot be denied that Scorpios are one of the most intense signs, so I believe Sour Patch Kids are perfect for any Scorpio. Like the slogan, first, they are sour, but quickly turn sweet just like the unpredictable Scorpio.

Sagittarius



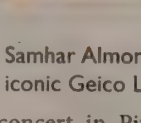
You, Sagittarius, are a risk taker which explains why Jelly Belly Bean Bazzled are right up your alley. You never know whether you'll get a good or rancid flavor, so your adventurous side will enjoy it.

Capricorn



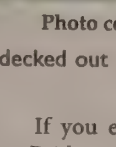
Capricorns are ambitious and slightly stubborn, and so that's why you have candy corn. While they may get stuck to your teeth, they're also a Halloween staple which is just like you, Capricorn.

Aquarius



If you are an Aquarius, you probably love to be outside of the box which is why Pop Rocks are your candy. Their unpredictable nature is just like you with your ability to think creatively.

Pisces



Perhaps a little too on the nose with the Pisces's symbol being fish, but Swedish Fish are the perfect candy to represent the Pisces. They're sweet which is just like Pisces's whimsical nature.

Lancaster Pride event for LGBTQ+ History Month

Check out the highlights of the most colorful and accepting event of the season

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For years, every June and October I watched with envy as my Instagram and Twitter feeds were filled with pictures and descriptions of fun events that happened at Pride festivals. I always longed for the chance to go and was planning on going to a pride festival in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 2020, but unfortunately, that was cancelled due to a little thing called a global pandemic. Therefore, when LGBTQ+ History Month rolled around and Lancaster Pride was announced, I jumped on the chance to go.

On Oct. 24, a group of friends and I travelled to the Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster, Pa. for the event. Entrance to the stadium was only $5, and parking was surprisingly manageable.

We got there right when the gates opened at 11 a.m., and anticipations were high despite the outside of the stadium being dull. My one friend and I had spent two hours that morning getting rainbow-ed out, and we were ready to enter.

To get in, we had to have proof of being either vaccinated against COVID-19 or a negative COVID-19 test. I am already vaccinated, but I appreciated the fact that the vendors set up a booth for rapid testing. I felt very safe with all the cautionary measures taken. Inside, there were even COVID-19 booster shots available as well as flu shots which I took advantage of.

Pride itself was an event unlike nothing I had experei. Once I walked through the gate, I was blown away with how incredible everyone looked. Everywhere my eyes went, I was hit with waves of color. The thing that I loved the most though was how happy and free everyone was. I do not think that I saw a single sad person there. It was a wonderful atmosphere to be in, and the positivity was absolutely infectious. Looking at my pictures that I took, it is clear to me that I was radiating happiness.

With over one hundred vendors, there was no shortage of things to look at. It took my friends over three hours to visit all the booths that were lined up on the field and above the seats.

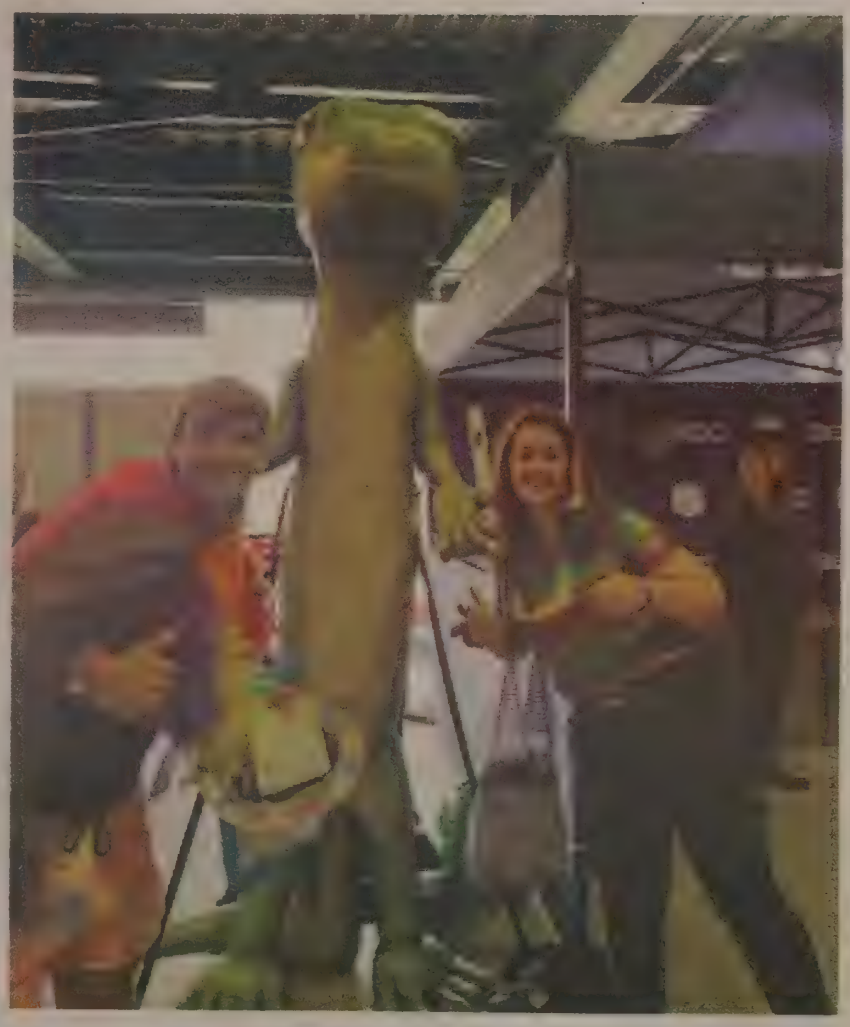
One great perk is that so many sellers were offering free items. By the end of the day, my purse was filled with stickers, fliers, wrist bands, pins, magnets, chapsticks and a variety of other things.

One of my favorite vendors was not truly a vendor at all. They were a group of moms that were offering free mom hugs. With having not seen my mom in almost two months, getting those hugs felt amazing.

Other booths that stood out were a State Farm Agent dressed up as a pirate with an adorable golden retriever named George, Panera, Geico and T-Mobile. At the Geico booth, I had the absolute honor of taking a picture with the iconic Geico Gecko, so that was definitely a highlight of my afternoon.

Another great perk was the amount of dogs present. I got to pet so many cute ones that were dressed up for Pride. My lipgloss was smeared because of how many dog kisses I got.

If you cannot tell, I had the absolute time of my life at Lancaster Pride. It was incredible talking to so many people. People just started conversations with me, and I did the same. One cool moment was when I found that one person and I had attended the same Taylor Swift concert in Pittsburgh. I cannot think of too many other places where I could have just struck up a conversation with a stranger, but Pride gave me and so many others the confidence to do just that.



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Samhar Almomani and Chandler McGuire, decked out in rainbow gear, pose with the iconic Geico Lizard mascot.

If you ever get the chance to go to a Pride event, whether it be through Lancaster Pride or some other association, go even if you are an ally. The experience is truly like no other.

Weekly Chirp:

What's going with all the Wifi woes this semester?

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Over the summer, Information and Technology Services (ITS) switched to a new provider for the Wi-Fi. While we all know that major changes like this often lead to a period of adjustment, many students have experienced ongoing and frustrating troubles with the Wi-Fi, despite being over halfway through the semester.

In a survey posted last week on the Jays' App, 95.7 percent of respondents reported having difficulties with the Wi-Fi this semester. The majority of the issues have been found on personal laptops and smartphones, but students have also experienced problems with other devices. Students have had trouble within apps as well, with trouble loading YouTube, Instagram and Canvas specifically.

Generally, however, issues with the Wi-Fi seem to stem from a general inability to connect in a timely fashion and stay connected to the internet.

The Baugher Student Center (BSC), Nicarry and Hackman Apartments are the areas on campus where students experience the most difficulties with the Wi-Fi, according to the survey.

"Whenever I leave a building it still tries to stay connected to the [Wi-Fi], but then loads extremely slowly…," one anonymous student reported.

Another anonymous student described the connection as "very slow and temperamental."

Overall, student replies to the survey have a common theme: the Wi-Fi has been slow to connect or load and has disconnected at inconvenient times.

"Wi-Fi should be a top priority for the school in order to allow students to use their devices to learn and relax," a third anonymous student stated.

While perhaps ITS' choice to change providers was intended to make the Wi-Fi less of a hassle for students, the problems students have faced so far during the school year suggests more work needs to be done.

Some issues, such as constantly having to connect to Wi-Fi when entering a new building or opening a laptop, are issues because of their inconvenience. It can be frustrating to have to wait for the Wi-Fi to connect and Internet browsers to load, especially if a student is in class. Other issues can be even more disruptive to schoolwork.

When a student is connected to the Wi-Fi but has no internet connection, there isn't much they can do on their laptops unless they have a personal hotspot or other solution. For students who lose Wi-Fi connections in the middle of research or a project, they may also lose valuable work if they didn't have enough warning to save what they were doing.

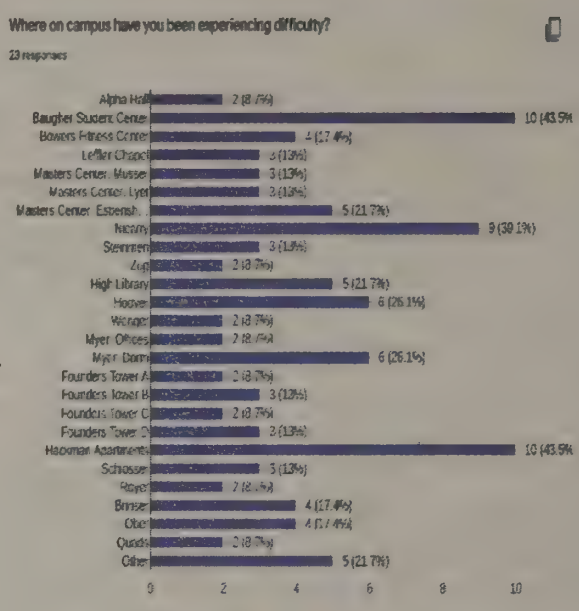
Additionally, slow internet speeds are a tedious problem, keeping students from following along to presentations in real time or completing in-class activities in a timely manner.

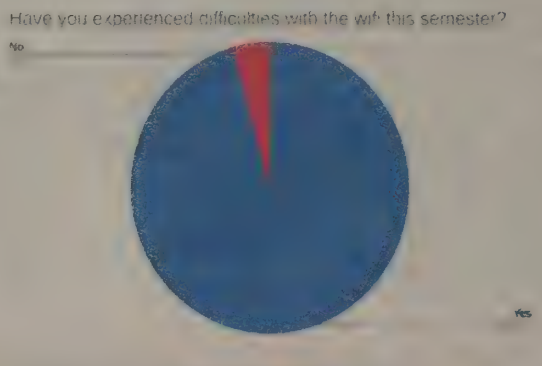
While these complaints have been heard consistently around campus,with posts on the Jay's App and through verbal complaints, 69.6 percent of respondents to the survey had not reached out to ITS about their issues with the Wi-Fi. Several students reported using alternate solutions or are simply tolerating difficulties, instead of bringing this to the attention of ITS.

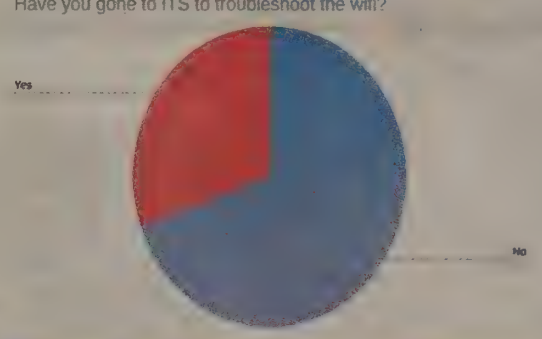
With this in mind, one can understand why many of these issues have remained unresolved. If students don't take advantage of ITS support or find a way to let ITS know there have been consistent issues, they can't do anything about it or communicate with the new provider.

From the results of this week's Weekly Chirp survey, it's obvious that many students have been experiencing a variety of Wi-Fi problems. At the same time, however, few students seem to be bringing this to the attention of our ITS team.

With more communication, hopefully this issue can be resolved in the near future.







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"Over the Garden Wall"

Get in the spooky spirit with a mini-series

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With Halloween days away, I'm sure Halloween movies and shows are being watched to get in the spooky spirit. My personal favorite show for this time of year is "Over the Garden Wall." This short 10-episode mini-series aired in November 2014 on Cartoon Network.

The cast stars Elijah Wood as Wirt, Collin Dean as Greg, the main protagonists, as well as Christopher Lloyd and Tim Curry. Patrick McHale, director of "Adventure Time," created the series, basing it off of his short film "Tome of the Unknown."

The plot revolves around Wirt and Greg ending up in the Unknown and them trying to get back home. Wirt, being the oldest of the two half-brothers, picks on Greg for getting them into trouble. They run into a cast of characters throughout the episodes, but Beatrice, a talking blue bird and the Woodsman follow them throughout their journey, aiding them in their quest to a witch's house.

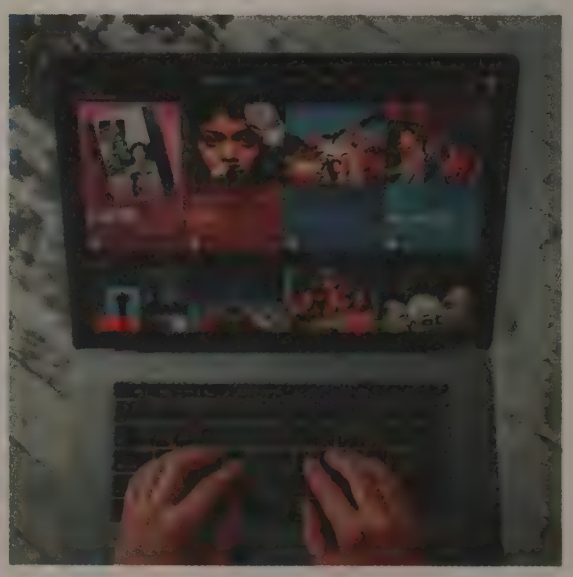
The art style of "Over the Garden Wall" is amazing. The sky is not as bright blue in other cartoons like "Adventure Time," but greyer, giving it the autumn vibe. The entire style brings in darker shades to present a more 20th century and gothic tone. It makes me want to pull on a sweatshirt and boots and go walking around the woods.

Also, the opening title screens for each episode reminisce of an old painting or faded portrait from the 1900s as well as the titles for each episode hearken back to old cartoons.

The soundtrack of "Over the Garden Wall" also reflects the setting and adds to the tone of the story. Most of the songs heighten the gothic or creepiness of the scene. Unless it's "Potatoes and Molasses," of course. I think that's the only song that randomly pops into my head from time to time. Yes, it's in my head right now.

This neo-cult classic has sparked up a lot of theories about the Unknown. I won't share much about them as they can spoil the ending, but I will say I definitely believe some of them. If you're a literature major then the themes and symbolisms kind of smack you over the head whereas if you're not, then it's nice to read up on the fan theories and explanations.

Overall, I think this show is an annual classic for the Halloween season. It's definitely worth the watch if you have two hours to spare. I do wish that the series was expanded on, sort of like the seasons of "Infinity Train," where new characters enter the Unknown and we see their journeys.



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"Over the Garden Wall" is currently streaming on HBO Max and Hulu.

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Fall Festivities: Carving pumpkins

Experience the joys of your childhood again while creating a classic Halloween decoration for your residence hall.

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The tradition of picking out pumpkins in my family has always stopped at painting. I grew up without carving a pumpkin as it was deemed too messy or too much of a hassle. However, just like that TikTok sound, being an adult, I have access to my own money and can buy a pumpkin and carving supplies. Well, this year, I carved a pumpkin at my boyfriend's house. His mom was kind enough to give me the supplies. We personally made a day of it, picking apples and pumpkins, drinking apple cider and watching "Hocus Pocus." Don't be afraid to do more than just carving pumpkins, but this article is just focusing on making jack-o-lanterns.

Obviously, the first thing you want to do is pick up a pumpkin. There's some farm stands outside of Elizabethtown that are selling pumpkins. Next thing are the tools. You can find these at Giant or the Dollar Store. I would not go to Amazon, unless you are planning to carve your pumpkin after Halloween. Anyway, make sure you have enough supplies if you're doing this with a roommate or with a partner. I would also get trash bags to cover either the floor or the table you're working on. You may want to take it outside too as it's going to get messy.

Carving a pumpkin is pretty straight forward. You want to start by washing your pumpkin. Rinse it under the sink for a little bit and dry it off. Make sure you get all the sides. You then want to cut a circle around the top of the stem, making the hole big enough to stick your hand in and get a spoon in as well. Once the top is off, take the knife and trim any seeds or pulp hanging from the top.

Now comes the fun part. You can use a spoon, but I found it best to use your hands. Scoop all of the pulp out of the pumpkin until it's empty. If you like pumpkin seeds, I would put as much as the seeds as possible to the side and wash them later. If you have an extra set of hands, you can have someone scoop the pulp and the other gather the seeds from the pulp. The seeds can be easily baked for a later snack. Back to the pumpkin, once the gourd is hollow, you want to scrape the inside until it's white. This makes sure that there's no more pulp and it makes it easier to carve.

After giving yourself an arm workout and moisturizing your hands with pumpkin pulp, you want to figure out your design. You can use a washable marker or a sharpie to trace your design. Then you simply cut out the design. As soon as you're done, put the stem back on and place the jack-o-lantern wherever you want! I would also steer clear of using actual candles, instead use battery candles. That's it really; have fun carving! And be careful with those sharp tools!

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This is Cunningham's take on the typical Jack-O-Lantern.

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Halloween jokes

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What is a ghost's favorite meal?
Spook-ghetti.
Why do ghosts make the best cheerleaders?
Because they have the most spirit!
What do mummies listen to on Halloween?
Wrap music.
What room do ghosts not need?
The living room
Where do ghosts travel on vacation?
The Dead Sea.
What can you catch from a vampire in winter?
Frostbite.
What did the fisherman say on Halloween?
Trick or trout!
For Halloween, we dressed up as almonds. Everyone could tell we were nuts.
What type of Halloween candy is never on time?
Choco-late.
Do you know why skeletons are so calm?
Because nothing gets under their skin.
What do you call a cleaning skeleton?
The grim sweeper.
What is a vampire's greatest fear?
Tooth decay!
What do you call a ghost who has fractured his leg?
A hoblin goblin.
What do you call a chicken who is haunted?
A poultry-geist!
What do vegan zombies eat?
GRAAAAAAAAINS!
What do you call a witch's garage?
A broom closet.
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Witch-ful thinking.
What is a goblin's favorite cheese?
Monster-ella.

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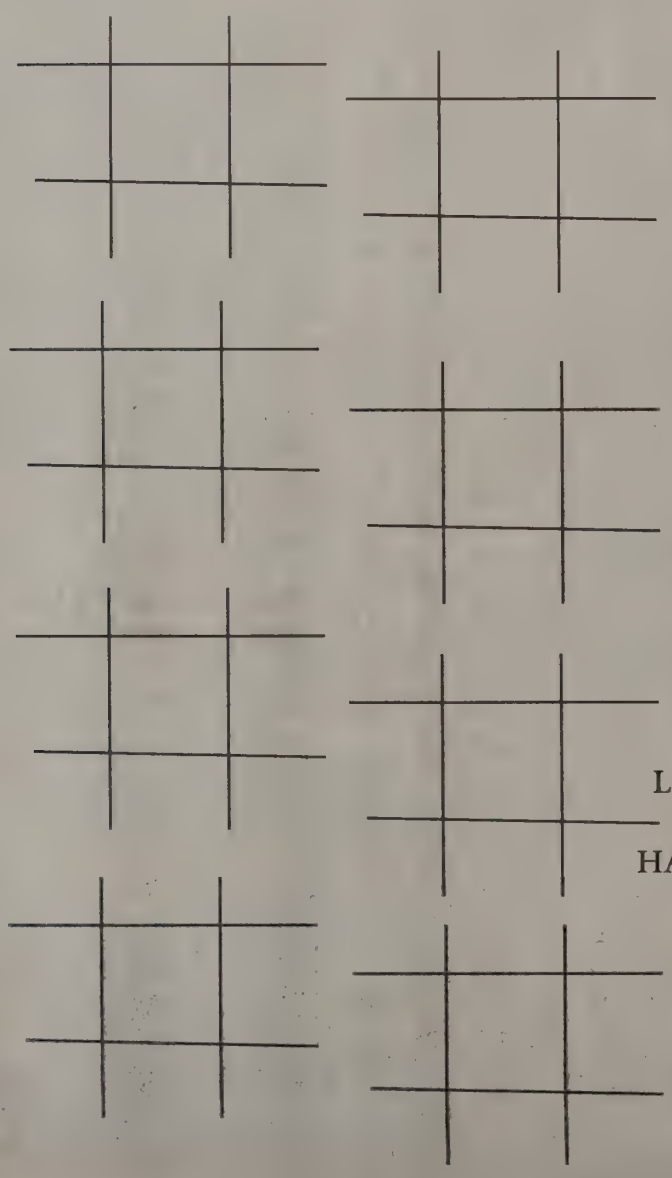

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Men's Soccer ties against Moravian

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On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the Elizabethtown College Soccer team faced off against Moravian College.

During the game, first-year Jake Groh found the equalizing goal late in the second half, as Etown tied Moravian 1-1 in Landmark Conference action.

With the draw, the Blue Jays move to eight wins, four losses and two ties overall, and three wins, one loss and one tie in the league.

The Greyhounds are now at five wins, eight losses and three ties overall, and no wins, four losses and one tie in conference play.

Groh tallied his second goal of the season helped along by assists from junior Mehluko Letsoalo and first-year Cade Brubaker.

Sophomore Zach Nicholas scored for Moravian.

First-year Kyle Weiss and sophomore Donald Gibbs each had an assist for the visitors.

The Greyhounds found the first goal of the game late in the first half as Gibbs collected an attempted clearance by Etown and passed it to Weiss in the right corner.

Weiss hit a service into the box and Etown's junior goalkeeper Kelvin Del Cid rose up to meet the ball. Del Cid, however, could not cleanly handle the cross, falling to Nicholas who buried it into the back of the net for the one goal lead heading into halftime.

It looked as if Moravian was going to sneak out of town with its first win of the season before the Blue Jays found their first goal in the 87th minute.

Brubaker collected the ball at midfield and knocked the ball into the middle of Greyhound's penalty box.

Letsoalo rose up and headed the ball down to Groh who fired home the tying goal, forcing overtime.

Del Cid made six saves while senior Mason LeSage of Moravian College was forced to make three.

Etown hit the road for its final away game of the season on Saturday, Oct. 23 against Drew University. Kickoff was set for 5 p.m.

Men's Swimming swims on

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On Friday, Oct. 22, the Elizabethtown College men's swim team traveled to Selinsgrove, Pa. to face off against Susquehanna College during the annual Schweikert Relays.

The Blue Jays opened their 2021-22 season at these relays, swimming in a number of different events that are not often contested.

The men's team showed its depth and talent in the breaststroke and Individual Medley events.

The team of senior Sam Lopez, sophomore Dylan Fitzgerald, senior Nathan Tobler and first-year Franky Swain found a win in the 200 back relay, swimming to a first place finish in 1:50.60.

A young crew secured an early victory for Etown, as freshman Zain Wegman, sophomore Alex Waskiewicz and first-years Steven Klinefelter and Connor Oswald earned first place in the 200 breast relay with a time of 1:55.59.

Wegman, Waskiewicz and Oswald teamed up with Lopez to touch the wall first in the men's 4x100 Individual Medley in 3:58.47.

The final win for Etown came in the mixed 200 medley relay as first-year Joshua McQueen and Oswald joined sophomores Maddy Brelsford and Sarah Marston of the women's team to touch the wall first in 1:50.90.

The Blue Jays have little rest for the Blue Jays as they hit the road once again, Oct. 23 to take on Goucher College and Immaculata University in Baltimore, Md. First races started at 1 p.m.

Rider's Republic

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Rider's Republic is a new, upcoming video game which is based on mountain biking, skiing, snowboarding, wingsuit flying and rocket wing suiting. The game was developed by a company called Ubisoft, which has produced several other video games, such as Just Dance 2022 and Assassins Creed Valhalla.

The game has two different modes: multiplayer and career. The multiplayer mode is a six versus six competitive game mode in which teams compete in an arena and need to do tricks. The more tricks that a team successfully completes, the more "trick points," which are points awarded for every trick done, they earn. The goal is to get more trick points than the other team.

In career mode, players engage in six different activities, which include:Bike Freestyle, Bike Racing, Ski Freestyle, Ski Racing, Wingsuit andRocket Wingsuit.

Each of them has their own different career path you can choose. As the game is played, each player will reach a certain milestone. Once a milestone is reached, the player will receive an award of some kind, and be asked to compete in other events as the game progresses. Some of those events include the X-Games, UCI Mountain Bike World Cup andRed Bull Rampage.

To find out what other events Rider's Republic offers, you'll have to play it for yourself.

The game is set in real world places, including Yosemite Valley and Bryce Canyon, among others. The game's release date is Thursday, Oct. 28th.

Republic SAAC Cornhole Tournament

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On Sunday, Oct. 24, the Elizabethtown College Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) partnered with the American Cornhole League Keystone State Cornhole Association and hosted its second annual corn hole tournament on Wolf Field from 1 to 4 p.m. The goal of the cornhole tournament was to raise money for the Blue Jay Pantry, which is dedicated to providing Etown students with free, nonperishable food sourced by charitable donations from within the community.

A total of 37 teams participated in the SAAC event, which was their first of the year. Teams ranged from athletes to students to staff and faculty. The entry fee for each team was $10. The tournament raised $370 for the Blue Jay Pantry. Like every tournament, there needs to be a winning team, and this year's consisted of sophomore Ben Watson and senior Andrew Fisher. The two earned entry into the ACL National College Cornhole Championship in Myrtle Beach, S.C. at the end of this year.

The donations will support the Etown's Blue Jay Pantry which is committed to ensuring that all students have regular access to healthy food options. The Blue Jay Pantry has been established by our Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) and joins over 700 colleges nationwide who operate an on-campus food pantry as a member of the College and University Food Bank Alliance (CUFBA). CUFBA provides colleges and universities with support, training and resources to connect more students with the food and resources they need for educational success.

The success of the tournament could not have happened without student athlete involvement. Student athletes have a voice in the NCAA through advisory committees at the campus, conference and national level. Each committee is made up of student athletes assembled to provide insight on the student athlete experience and offer input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes' lives on campus. One of the many functions of the SAAC is to organize community service efforts and promote a positive student-athlete image on campus.

Hershey Bears win against Charlotte Checkers

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The Hershey Bears earned a 2-1 win against the Charlotte Checkers in overtime on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Bojangles' Coliseum.

Defender Lucas Johansen scored the sudden-death overtime winner to lift the Bears. Also during the game, goaltender Zach Fucale stopped 27 of 28 Charlotte shots to backstop the Bears.

After a scoreless first period, Charlotte tallied first courtesy of Logan Hutsko at the 4:20 mark.

With the puck on edge, Hutsko sent a chip shot over the shoulder of Fucale for his first career American Hockey League goal. Shots after 40 minutes were 15-14 with Hershey leading.

In the third period, center Garrett Pilon tied the score for Hershey at 12:48.

From the low-slot, Pilon converted his third goal of the season on a shot over Charlotte goaltender Antoine Bibeau.

The late third period equalizer set the stage for Bears blueliner Johansen in sudden-death overtime. At 4:37, Johansen fired the puck from the center-point to walk the game off for Hershey. Final shots on goal totaled 28-26 Checkers.

The Bears finished the evening 0-for-3 on the power play and a perfect 3-for-3 on the penalty kill.

The Hershey Bears returned to action on Wednesday, Oct. 27 and welcome the Syracuse Crunch into GIANT Center.

Puck drop was slated for 7 p.m. Ticket information is available online at HersheyBears.com.

Health and fitness: Try making a Jambalaya

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As college students it can be difficult to find time to cook food with a busy schedule. However, dining hall food can get old very fast when it is all a student eats.

The food in a dining hall is also not always the healthiest, although there are some healthy options.

Cost effective, healthy and easy-to-make meals can be a great way for students to mix things up and try something new and delicious.

Below is the recipe for an easy jambalaya.

Ingredients:

1. Two cups of white rice
2. One can of diced tomatoes
3. One can of beef broth
4. One can of French onion soup
5. One stick of butter
6. 12 oz of kielbasa, polish sausage

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Cut the kielbasa into 1-cm slivers.
3. Wash rice with warm water.
4. Add all ingredients to a brownie pan and mix.
5. Cover the pan with tin foil.
6. Place in the oven for 30 minutes.
7. After 30 minutes, remove tin foil and stir ingredients. Reattach tin foil.
8. Place in the oven for 30 minutes.
9. Check to make sure the rice is soft. If it is not yet soft, continue baking.
10. Once rice is soft, enjoy!

Cooking does not have to be messy, time consuming or expensive.

College students typically do not have the time to deal with these things which is why they often do not cook even once they have an apartment.

Former NBA players charged

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Eighteen former National Basketball Association (NBA) players were charged in New York federal court for their alleged involvement in a $3.9 million health insurance fraud scheme on Thursday, Oct. 7.

The players charged include Terrence Williams, Alan Anderson, Anthony Allen, Shannon Brown, William Bynum, Ronald Glen Davis, Christopher Douglas-Roberts, Melvin Ely, Jamario Moon, Darius Miles, Milton Palacio, Ruben Patterson, Eddie Robinson, Gregory Smith, Sebastian Telfair, Charles Watson Jr., Antoine Wright and Anthony Wroten. Allen's wife Desiree Allen was also charged.

"...We've charged 18 former NBA players and one spouse for their alleged participation in a health care fraud scheme that resulted in nearly $2 million in losses to the National Basketball Association's Health and Welfare Benefit Plan," FBI Assistant Director Michael J. Driscoll said.

Allegedly, the defendants submitted fraudulent insurance claims. The health insurance fraud scheme reportedly occurred from 2017 to 2020.

Of the $3.9 million requested in fraudulent insurance claims, the defendants received approximately $2.5 million.

Due to the indictment, Palacio has been placed on administrative leave by the Portland Trail Blazers. He served as an assistant coach to the team.

Former Celtics and Nets player Williams is reported to be the alleged ringleader as he recruited other players, offered falsified invoices and letters and impersonated an insurance claim processor.

Williams reportedly received $2,300 from the other defendants for helping them falsify medical records and health insurance claims.

"The benefit plans provided by the NBA and the National Basketball Players Association to our players are critically important to support their health and well-being throughout their playing careers and over the course of their lives which makes these allegations particularly disheartening," the NBA said in a statement released on Thursday, Oct. 7. "We will cooperate fully with the U.S. Attorney's Office in this matter."

NBA Hall of Fame inductee and chairman of the NBA Retired Players Association Spencer Haywood criticized the defendants for undoing Haywood and others' work for ensuring retired players had health insurance.

"What [the defendants] have done is taken advantage of that health insurance that we worked so far for. And it's blackened all of our eyes," Haywood said.

Haywood also criticized those with an eight-figure salary, such as Davis.

All of the defendants are charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care and wire fraud and can face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. Williams faces an additional charge of one count of aggravated identity theft and can face a minimum sentence of two years in prison.

Women's Volleyball scores a victory

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On Wednesday, Oct. 20, the Elizabethtown College women's volleyball team traveled to Scranton, Pa. to face off against the University of Scranton Royals.

Etown wound up winning 3-1, and the ladies remain undefeated in Landmark Conference play.

With the win, the Blue Jays improve to 17 wins and six losses on the season and four wins and no losses in league play, while the Royals fall to 21 wins and five losses on the season and three wins and one loss in the Landmark.

Junior Bryanna Miller tallied her 10th double-double of the season, finishing with 13 kills and 10 digs.

Sophomore Katie Scaggs matched a career-high with six block assists while junior Sarah Hanks registered 26 assists, 13 digs, and four block assists.

Sophomore Kambrie Hepler recorded a team-high 19 digs.

Down 8-5 in the opening set, Etown rattled off five straight points to move ahead 10-8.

Hanks and Scaggs combined two blocks over this stretch.

Holding a two point lead (18-16), the Blue Jays put their stamp on the first frame, finishing on a 7-2 run to take the set, 25-18.

After Scranton evened the score at one by taking the second set, Etown retaliated in the third.

Down by four early in the frame, the Blue Jays rattled off seven consecutive points to move ahead by three (9-6).

Hepler tallied two aces over this run while Miller and Scaggs each had kills.

Etown continued to stretch its lead, pushing its advantage to six (13-7) after an ace from senior Shelly Yohe.

Scranton would close within three (15-12) before the Blue Jays erupted again, scoring seven of the next eight points to go up 22-13.

The Royals started to come back, but Etown found its final three points, capped off by a kill from sophomore Gianna Krinock for the final point of the set, giving the Blue Jays the 25-21 victory.

In the fourth and final set, Etown once again used a big run to pull away from the hosts, scoring six straight to take a 13-8 lead.

Krinock had two kills during the rally while Miller tallied two aces.

Scranton cut the deficit to two (16-14) before the Blue Jays used its second 6-0 run of the frame for the 21-14 advantage.

Holding a 24-21 lead, Krinock would once again finish off the set and match, smashing home a kill for the 25-21 win and the 3-1 victory.

Elizabethtown returns home for senior day on Saturday, Oct. 23 for the team's final tri-match of the year.

The Blue Jays host Lebanon Valley College at 11 a.m. and Misericordia University at 3 p.m.

Field hockey shutout scores 2-0

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On Saturday, Oct. 23, the Elizabethtown College women's field hockey team faced off against Drew College at home.

It was a total team effort from the Blue Jays to achieve a 2-0 shutout win over Drew on Senior Day. Senior Grace Hardy had a goal and an assist for Etown in the win.

Etown celebrated their six seniors before this game. The seniors on the team are Grace Hardy, Anna Mostoller, Sierra Zittle, Catherine Amos, Emily Garvin and Janelle Nolt. All of these seniors have been starters for the Jays throughout the 2021 season.

While not all the contributions on the field Saturday afternoon showed up in the box score, the seniors left their marks on the game.

Hardy and Garvin had shots saved in the first six and a half minutes of the game as they tried to give the Jays a lead.

That lead came late in the first as Hardy pounced on a rebound in front of the goal to score her team-leading 13th goal of the season. Etown led 1-0 after the first period.

Though it was only a one-goal lead, the Blue Jays weren't truly threatened on the back end. First year Angelina Giglio-Tos only needed one save, which came in the first quarter.

The back line of Nolt, junior Chloe Smith and Amos held steady while Mostoller cleaned up a lot of things in the midfield. Zittle and Garvin were up and down the wings and Hardy provided the only goal they'd end up needing.

Junior Sydney Aguilar added an insurance goal in the fourth quarter to make it 2-0 just 1:34 into the fourth. Hardy dumped the ball into the circle and the junior was there in front of the goalie to poke it passed and into the cage for her third of the year.

The Blue Jays will be on the road Saturday, October 30 at the University of Scranton in non-conference action. The game is set to begin at 1 pm.

Athlete of the week

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Mehluko Letsoalo is a junior international student on the Elizabethtown College men's soccer team. He was born and raised in Pretoria, South Africa in what he referred to as a family full of athletes.

"My uncles played at a very high level, my brother was basically a pro...my second oldest brother played for the national team," Letsoalo said. "I grew up around that kind of environment and just fell in love with the game."

Letsoalo was recruited to play soccer in high school and after taking a gap year between high school and college to play for a semi-pro team, he was recruited to play at Etown. He had never been to the United States until after committing to attend Etown.

The culture of brotherhood on the soccer team is what Letsoalo enjoys most about playing soccer at Etown. He says soccer in America is much more physical and tactical than he is used to in Africa, but it is enjoyable, and he is still in love with the sport.

After his time at Etown, Letsoalo plans to stay in America and pursue a position on a pro team. If playing pro soccer does not work out for him, he plans to join the workforce. Either way, he plans on gaining citizenship so he can continue to live in the United States.

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Major: Finance
Hometown: Pretoria, South Africa
High School: Tuks Sport High School
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Favorite Movie: "Spider-man" (2002)
Favorite singer: Drake
Favorite sports team: Manchester United
Favorite place to visit: Camps Bay in Cape Town, South Africa
Favorite Etown memory: Playing in the 2021 Marshmallow Game
Greatest Etown accomplishment: Being a captain in my junior year
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Etown faculty member presents at national conference

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Recently, an Elizabethtown College faculty member had the opportunity to present at the annual National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference. Crystal Donlan is the Instructional Designer and Online Learning Specialist at Elizabethtown College, and she is also an adjunct faculty member at Luzerne County Community College. She's also currently studying to gain her doctorate degree from Pennsylvania State University.

Donlan was a first-generation college student, and originally worked in corrections education for ten years. Unfortunately, she got ill and had to step away, leading her to the higher education setting.

Donlan spoke to this as she said, "What's really important is that no matter how humble your roots, you can really grow and flourish and set your goals and follow them. I've had obstacles that I've had to overcome... but I feel so blessed because I get to teach and continue learning from all of the students and people I meet."

At Etown, Donlan teaches faculty at the Teaching and Learning Center. Many of her lessons include best practices for teaching, which include mindful scaffolding, her topic at the NISOD Conference. Through this, Donlan has a direct effect on both faculty and students at Etown, even though her work seems more behind the scenes.

Due to the recent surge in the Delta variant, Donlan has been instructing virtually since Sept.. However, she has been teaching online longer than most, since before the pandemic, she was also exploring virtual teaching due to her illness. Donlan said that she was an "accidental scholar" in the area of online learning, and that she is glad that her experiences were able to prepare her for the pandemic, and the virtual NISOD conference.

NISOD is a membership based organization for colleges and technical schools, and it's all about best practices in learning and how it can be taught to higher education professionals.

Donlan said, "It was really cool to be a part of a conference that is doing what I do every day, but on a national scale."

Originally, she wasn't going to submit her proposal for the conference, but she did, and was chosen out of a large pool of applicants to speak. Hundreds of educators were able to hear Donlan's speech, and they were able to ask her questions that specifically related to their classrooms and institutions.

Donlan was able to represent the College at the conference, and contribute in a meaningful way to how people practice higher education around the country.

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Schlosser Shenanigans: double trouble strikes

Courtesy of Rachel Stahl

Flooding in the Schlobby has led to its closure and a need for renovation.

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Once again, the Schlosser Residence Hall has fallen victim to student antics. On Friday morning, Oct. 22, the Office of Residence Life notified the community that all East Wing restrooms and the Schlosser lobby (Schlobby) were closed due to displaced water.

After a few hours, water continued to gather in the Schlobby; however, the East Wing restrooms reopened. A bathing suit flushed down the toilet led to the flooding and sewage backup.

In an email sent to all Schlosser residents, Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life Tara Hoover wrote, "Clothing should never be flushed down a toilet. As stated in previous emails, toilet paper is the only item that can and should be flushed down the pipes."

Since then, the Schlobby has remained closed, much to many students' dismay.

First-year student and Schlosser second-floor resident Megan Meyer was upset when she heard about the incident. However, she knew something had occurred before the initial email was sent.

"When [the flooding] first happened, it was really stinky and very unpleasant. To me, strong smells are really nauseating," Meyer said.

Even after this scent dissipated, she described the overwhelming odor of bleach and cleaning supplies the next day, expressing, "I guess that was better, but at the same time, it's probably not good for you."

After this, Meyer hoped that the Schlobby would reopen soon. She believes that it is a place that fosters a sense of community, as this is where she met most of her Schlosser friends.

In addition, she stated, "Sometimes, me and my friends would like to go down there and play ping-pong for fun, study to give us a break or go down there to meet people."

The Schlobby serves as a place where individuals can relax and socialize while remaining on task for their assignments.

Founders resident and first-year student Kylie Fair agrees, and although she does not live in Schlosser, she considers it her home on campus.

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Driving Into the Streets

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Into the Streets has been a tradition of Elizabethtown College for the past 28 years. It is a day of service dedicated to the community around campus.

This year Into the Streets was held on Oct. 23. It was led by Program Coordinator for the Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) Sharon Sherick. The event would not have been possible without student coordinators to run the event.

When it comes to planning Into the Streets, "We start around Nov./Dec. of the previous year to plan for the following year," Sherick said via email.

"In Aug. we reach out to community partners to see who has needs and how many volunteers they would be interested in," Sherick said.

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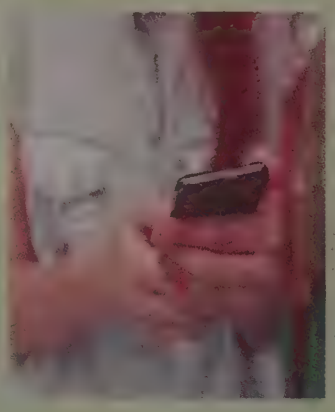
TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.



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The controversial social media app Yik Yak has recently returned for the first time since 2017 after its acquisition by new owners in February of this year. The anonymous location-based app was popular among college students.

Created by Furman University graduates Tyler Droll and Brooks Buffington, the app allowed users to create and view a feed of posts, called yaks, within a five-mile radius. Users can interact with these posts and discussion threads by upvoting, downvoting and commenting.

Yik Yak was the ninth most downloaded app on the app store in 2014.

According to NPR, it was used by students on more than 2,000 college campuses by 2016. Since the app had a relatively small reach for facilitating posts, students could almost exclusively see posts made by other students on campus. However, this popularity had a dark side as it soon became the primary platform for users to anonymously post hate speech and cyberbullying, which occurred predominantly on college and high school campuses.

One of the most high-profile examples of hate speech and cyberbullying occurred in 2015 at University of Missouri. An anonymous user posted a threat of committing a shooting on campus, specifically targeting Black students. The user was later revealed to be former Missouri University of Science and Technology student Hunter M. Park, who pleaded guilty to the incident.

Because of the app's rapid growth and its propensity for bullying and harassment, many schools, school districts and college campuses rallied to ban the app. To address the criticism, Droll and Buffington utilized an outside company to create geographic borders that prevent people from using the app on middle school and high school campuses.

However, this measure was not enough to turn around Yik Yak's reputation; the app's usage declined severely in 2016 by 76 percent compared to the previous year. In December of 2016, 60 percent of the app's employees were laid off as the app failed to maintain user engagement. As the final nail in the coffin, Yik Yak announced April 28, 2017 that its operation would be shut down the following week.

Yik Yak announced on its website August 15, 2021 that the app will be making a comeback for iOS devices.

"We're bringing Yik Yak back because we believe the global community deserves a place to be authentic, a place to be equal and a place to connect with people nearby," the announcement read on the page "The Yak Is Back."

The website also features a Community Guardrails page outlining what content is not allowed on the platform. Posts that include bullying and harassment, bigotry, violence and threats, explicit sexual content and sharing of personal information will be removed, and the user who created the post will be banned.

"We're committed to combating bullying and hate speech on the Yik Yak platform by any means necessary," the announcement continued under a section labeled "Our Stance on Bullying and Harassment."

Users can also downvote posts that violate the Community Guardrails, and any post that accumulates five downvote points will be removed from all users' feeds.

It seems like the new Yik Yak team is dedicated to improving the platform and making it a safe, more inclusive place for all. Time will tell if these promises will be a reality for users.

SCHLOBBY FLOODING PAGE 1

Flooding in the Schlobby upsets students

"I come to Schlosser because all my friends live here. I know the Schlobby is where everyone hangs out, and it's where you can always find at least one person," she said.

Like Meyer, Fair believes that the Schlobby embodies Etown's overall feeling of friendliness, and with its closure, she worries, "Where am I going to find people now?"

Residents have resorted to gathering in study rooms to decompress after classes, but these are more restrictive due to their small size--which has resulted in the fragmentation of relationships due to an inability to bond.

"I don't know what went through [the perpetrator's] head. I honestly don't understand why they would think to [flush a bathing suit down the toilet]. I'm really confused," Meyer said, angered by the cause of the flooding.

However, Meyer and Fair both remained optimistic that the Schlobby would reopen shortly, but on Saturday, Oct. 30, they were once again disheartened. Associate Dean of Students for Community Living Jenn Crowder sent an email detailing that the area flooded again, this time due to hair buildup in a second-floor shower.

Since then, the Schlobby has been in a state of disarray, with the carpet ripped up and the smells Meyer described once again present.

She questioned Residence Life, saying, "I really don't understand why [the flooding] is still a problem. If they know it does it, they should take care of it because I've heard that it's flooded before in past years. I also don't want my bathroom flooding."

Overall, the administration would like to quell these shenanigans, asking students to provide any information by submitting a public report so that the beloved Schlobby can swiftly reopen.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In Harrisburg, it appears as though the tawdry financial relationship between lobbyists and politicians may finally be reigned in.

In a rare show of bipartisanship, Senate Republicans and Democrats are endorsing a package of recently proposed bills that are designed to target the influence of lobbying in the Keystone State.

Lobbyists work on behalf of interest groups, companies or private individuals to sway the vote of legislators. Interest groups include trade groups, unions and environmental organizations, among others.

According to PA Spotlight, Pennsylvania is one of eight states that does not have a complete or partial ban on legislators and other public officials and employees receiving gifts from lobbyists and other advocates with a stake in government.

The current system designed to hold lobbyists and politicians accountable is woefully inadequate. Lawmakers and other public officials in the state can accept any gift they want and gifts less than $250 in value and meals less than $650 are not legally required to be disclosed on annual reports. Additionally, former lobbyists often end up running for political office and vice versa.

Needless to say, an industry many citizens already view to be the cause of systemic corruption is in dire need of reform and restructuring.

After taking office in 2015, Gov. Tom Wolf issued an executive order that prevented anyone in his administration from accepting any form of handout from lobbyists.

In 2018, the state legislature passed new regulations that required interest groups to register with the state government and release to the public how much they spend with increased penalties for those that failed to register on time.

According to PA Spotlight, advocates of anti-lobbyist legislation point out that these changes did not go far enough as they fail to shed light on which legislation they are attempting to lobby for or against and which lawmakers are receiving the gifts. Additionally, there is an open doorway for lobbyists who once worked with the campaigns or staff members of politicians to lobby the very same politicians or even go back to work for them.

After years of kicking the metaphorical can down the road, politicians in Harrisburg have finally decided to bring Pennsylvania up to the level of the rest of the country on lobbying. A series of bills with bipartisan support were proposed in the PA Senate by Republican legislators in early October.

According to PA Senate's Republican Party, SB 801 seeks to register clients of lobbyists and political kickbacks. SB 801, sponsored by York County Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill, prohibits any state entity from lobbying another government body. The bill also seeks to prevent legislators who are former lobbyists from being lobbied by their former colleagues for a year after their election to the legislature.

SB 803, sponsored by Luzerne County Senator Lisa Baker, would prevent lobbyists from being hired as political consultants to members of the legislature.

Finally, SB 804, drafted by Bucks County Senator Tommy Tomlinson, mandates that all lobbyists complete an annual mandatory ethics training developed by the Department of State.

Additionally, at least eleven bills designed at restricting lobbying have also been moved forward in the PA House. These bills would require every dollar spent by lobbyists to be reported (HB 1606), require lobbyists to fill out financial interest forms (HB 1601), and prohibit lobbyists from doling out certain gifts according to the PA General Assembly website. With bipartisan and public support behind the effort, it appears that the unfettered lobbying of legislators in Pennsylvania may finally get rolled back if these bills are successful.

CONFERENCE PAGE 1

Presentation at NISOD conference

This was an experience that she described as humbling and exciting.

Unfortunately, since the conference was virtual, there was no face-to-face audience, but because of Donlan's background, she was able to coach herself through the conference and present in an impactful way. Her presentation was on mindful scaffolding, which is coaching faculty to be responsible to student's needs in any modality of learning.

"Students don't stop experiencing life during the learning experience… I want to teach our faculty how to teach in ways that make meaningful and relevant experiences for our learners, but also in a way that is compassionate and aware," Donlan said. "Illness has taught me that your learning journey is meaningful. I want to be able to learn something new every day until my last day on earth. I expect everyone to feel that way, and I try to encourage it. I think knowledge is power, and the more we learn, the more we are empowered agents, not only for ourselves, but for our causes."

Donlan exemplifies the College's motto of "Educate for Service" by providing resources and instructing other professionals in higher learning how to practice better and get students to learn in a more healthy environment.

INTO THE STREETS PAGE 1

Students volunteer for Into the Streets

The most challenging aspect is getting locations for large groups to do the service projects.

The theme for this year was Blooming Into the Streets. There were over 350 volunteers of students from the College. Some of the clubs have participated regularly in the event since it first started in 1993.

During the day of service, some students raked and prepared homes for the winter of 25 elderly residents in the community. Into the Streets had ten tables set up at GEARS Fall Fest, which included activities for kids to do such as crafts. However, not all service projects took place off of campus. Students could participate in various service activities while remaining on campus. For students wanting to volunteer, but unable to, they could get a to-go bag. The to-go bag was picked up in advance with instructions and a later drop off location.

Many students do not think about Into the Streets after the completion of the event, until the following year when it is advertised.

However, for the student coordinators, there is much to do for the wind-down after the conclusion of the event. First the students must analyze the data from the event, which is later shared with the College community, such as how many volunteers there were. Student coordinators must also clean materials used for the event in preparation for the following year. Along with that, the supplies need to be replenished. Other responsibilities include, "deciding on the following year's theme, dispersing of completed projects and materials, sending out thank you notes, contacting community partners to follow up on projects and writing wrap up notes that will assist future Into the Streets coordinators as they prepare for upcoming years," Sherick said.

Into the Streets is powered by students in the planning, volunteering and even the artwork is created by students.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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On Tuesday, Oct. 29, the White House reported that President Joe Biden is actively working to rescue 17 missionaries who are being held hostage by a gang in Haiti. The missionaries, five of which are children, were kidnapped on Oct. 16.

Sixteen American citizens and one Canadian citizen are being held hostage. They worked for Christian Aid Ministries, which is based in Ohio.

One of the children being held hostage is reported to be as young as 8 months old and other children are three, six, 13 and 15 years old. Adults are reported to range from 18 to 48 years old.

The missionaries were kidnapped by the 400 Mawozo gang based in Port-au-Prince after returning from an orphanage. A $17 million USD ransom has been demanded in exchange for the release of the 17 missionaries.

The 400 Mawozo gang operates in Croix-des-Bouquets near the border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti. Gang members began with stealing cows and cars, but the gang has now begun to participate in kidnappings and extortion.

It is reportedly led by Wilson Joseph, also known as Lanmò Sanjou. Joly "Yonyon" Germine is suspected to be acting as second-in-command of the 400 Mawozo gang, despite being in jail.

Reportedly, the missionaries are being held hostage in La Tremblay, which is located in Ganthier.

Three Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents were deployed to Haiti on Sunday, Oct. 17 to investigate the kidnapping.

According to U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, law enforcement specialists and hostage recovery were also sent to Haiti. They will be working with Christian Aid Ministries, the hostages' family members and the Haitian government to organize a rescue mission for the 17 missionaries.

The Associated Press reported that family members have expressed concerns about the Biden administration's handling of the hostage situation, writing in a letter that the administration appears to be "bogged down in burdensome processes or policy debates that keep our loved ones from coming home." Family members also expressed that the lack of communication was especially concerning to them.

The hostage situation follows the kidnapping of Pastor Jean Pierre Ferrer Michel and two members of his congregation who were kidnapped on Sunday, Oct. 3. They paid $300,000 USD to ensure that they were released; however, only one of them was released. Michel and another hostage Norman Wiener were finally released on Monday, Oct. 4.

In their letter, individuals in the hostage community called on Biden to "prioritize the release of hostages," according to U.S. News.

The letter was signed by the family members of 26 American hostages and detainees.

In Haiti, there has been a rise in kidnappings and gang violence.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 73 women and children have been targeted by gang members in Haiti. Gang violence in Haiti has increased 62 percent since September 2020.

Sullivan has given daily briefings to Biden on the hostage situation.

According to Sullivan, Biden is "…taking a deep interest in making sure we get every single one of those people home safely."

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Oct. 28 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with a special report from President Ceclia M. McCormick, J.D., where she spoke on topics discussed at the recent meeting with the Board of Trustees.

One main topic of discussion was approving the strategic plan that is based on four main themes: dynamic and relative education, inclusive excellence, anchor with partnerships and financial sustainability.

During the meeting, she also mentioned the COVID-19 surveillance testing and that 80 percent or more of students and staff are vaccinated and information about booster shots will be coming out soon. In regards to COVID-19, the plan is to still return to campus after Thanksgiving break and bring everyone back on time for the next semester.

McCormick mentioned a new wage increase of 2 percent for employees and that they are also working on how they pay students. Money has been put into the budget for next year to make this possible.

Senator Cece Sadek made a statement in regards to the professor who said a racial slur in class, and said that the school should have sent out an apology as soon as it happened. She argued that things are being swept under the rug while the campus continues to claim to be diverse.

McCormick says that everyone at the school will be receiving an apology on behalf of everything that has happened. She also said she will personally launch a search for an individual who will lead diversity and inclusion across campus.

Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez spoke on issues brought up at the previous Student Senate meeting.

Beginning with campus safety officers and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) respondents not wearing masks while entering buildings on campus, she stated that this issue will be taken care of within the campus safety team and off-campus visitors.

Gonzalez also spoke on the student athlete COVID-19 testing being done by the coaches. She said it comes down to efficiency, timing and finances, and that there was no intent to create a shroud of secrecy. Gonzalez will be sending a recommendation to the COVID-19 Task Force on how this should work moving forward.

Gabbie Reed was announced as the new Deputy Title IX coordinator.

Assistant Director for Housing & Resident Life for Student Activities Rina Carpenter talked of receiving great feedback from the last meeting of what events the Office of Student Activities (OSA) can host in the future and that the calendar of events for next semester is already being planned out.

Center for Student Success representative Lynne Davies spoke that Friday, Nov. 5 is the last day students can withdraw from a course and receive a 'W' on their transcript. Withdrawal forms can be found in academic advising or on the registration and records website.

During students' comments and announcements, senator Riley Becker raised a concern about the use of to-go boxes in the marketplace. Becker explained how she saw a student fill their box solely with cookies, and watched as this student was approached by Dining Services staff; the box was confiscated and the cookies were thrown out.

Sophomore Jacob Dellicker took the floor and stated that he wasn't impressed with the direction the school is going. He said there should be diversity of thought not just in understanding and raised concerns about telling white students that they are inherently racist.

Many senators took the floor to speak to Dellicker's statement.

Senator Michaela Teague asked Dellicker if he felt safe and welcomed at the school, to which he replied yes. Teague explained that there are people, most of which are students of marginalized communities, who do not feel this way, and Student Senate is advocating to create a safe environment.

The executive session was motioned to be moved to the next meeting.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community. Minutes for the meeting can be found by visiting the Etown website and searching for Student Senate.

Billy D. Washington: Master of funny business

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Billy D. Washington, a talented comedian, musician and writer, recently visited campus to deliver talks on bettering your craft and some comedy to lighten the load in these stressful times.

Bowers Writers House director Jesse Waters chose to bring Washington on campus to share his life story and skills he picked up along the way.

"He [Washington] has such a wide range of skills and experiences that to be able to spend casual discussion time with him – in addition to seeing him perform – is really a fantastic set of opportunities," Waters said.

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~ Jesse Waters

Students agreed that Washington's visit to campus was beneficial.

"He was certainly a good person to bring onto campus," junior Gavin McCabe said. "Inviting many different types of guests to speak on campus…is an important part of the unique experiences offered here at Elizabethtown."

Photo courtesy of Jesse Waters

Comedian, musician and writer Billy D. Washington came to Elizabethtown College to discuss developing as a writer to students.

Washington is an award winning comedian who has appeared on programs like HBO's Def Comedy Jam and Comedy Central's Premium Blend.

He was identified as one of the most diverse comedians in America by the NBC Standup for Diversity initiative.

Washington shared some of his praised comedy on campus, as well as speaking at two events at the Bowers Writers House.

He used his own experience to talk about creating a personal brand and how to "write funny." Washington talked about who he is and how that affects his comedy.

Washington talked about how creating a name for oneself comes from reputation.

People will know who someone is based on everything that came before they even meet them.

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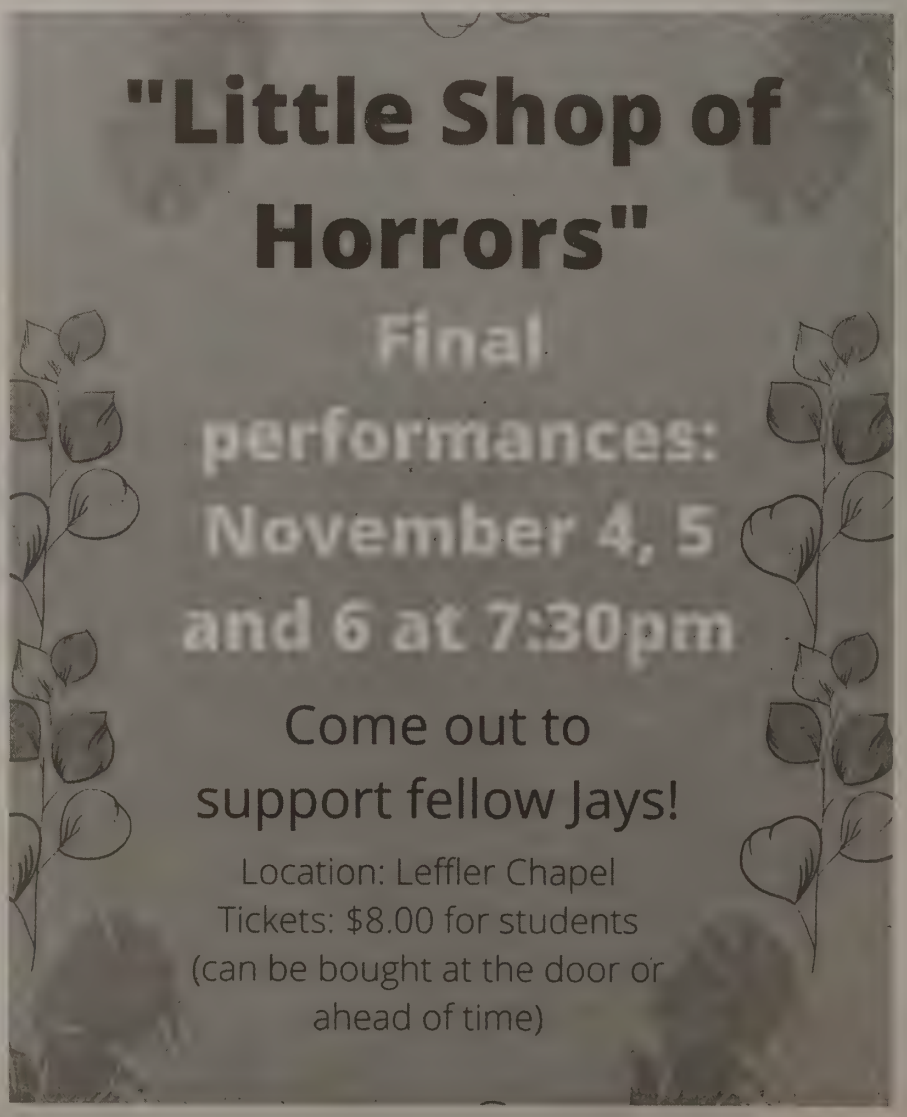
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OSA hosts a zombie escape room

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Elizabethtown College's Office of Student Activities (OSA) hosted a zombie escape room Oct. 28. The event was led by senior Victoria Vaughn.

Vaughn mentioned the planning for the event began in Sept. However, according to Vaughn, they only "started making [the props] two weeks ago."

It took Vaughn four hours to make all of the posters. She also went to the Baugher Student Center (BSC) Room 211 to begin setting up five hours before the event began. The escape room was carefully set up with the posters strategically hung on the walls, the lab journals laid on the tables, cabinets closed concealing hints and a zombie hiding. The zombie was played by senior Cas Stence.

When students arrived with their groups, they were warned to not get too close to the zombie. Stence was crouched behind a table where some of the clues were and stayed there for most of the game.

"Students were scared to approach the table," Stence said.

However, as time would be running out, they would get out and chase the students. Students were given ten minutes to make it out in time.

The story was centered around a zombie virus that infects the students. The groups have to work together to try to find the antidote before time would run out. At the very end of the game, students would be tasked to choose between the blue and green antidote. If they chose the wrong one, they would lose the game.

Some of the hints were cleverly hidden. On the one white board, the sentences were written in green, except for the word "NOT" that was in blue, senior Allison Ambsbaugh pointed out.

A lot went into the planning of the escape room such as, "planning locks, how to set it up, getting approved by [Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life for Student Activities] Rina Carpenter and getting items from Amazon," Amsbaugh said.

Unlike many events, the escape room did not have a sign up beforehand. Students were welcome to show up with their groups of four to six. In the first hour, four groups went through the room. The event lasted three hours.

"Students really enjoyed the puzzles and the hints. We thought to do it because puzzled-based activities are really fun for people to do," Vaughn said

Guest speaker talks about developing as writers

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He also talked about finding the reason or the "why" behind the work.

According to Washington, it's better to do what you love and have people find you than to do things so people like you.

Washington embodies this in his comedy.

"It felt like an environment where I could focus on his content and enjoy it rather than thinking about stuff I need to down the road. I was very glad I was able to attend his show."

~ Nathan Tindell

On Thursday, Oct. 28, he performed for a small but enthusiastic crowd in Gibble Auditorium.

His passion for performance filled the room with his energy.

A main theme in Washington's comedy is describing the experience of a Black man in America today while breaking the preexisting stereotypes.

This goal was appreciated by many of the attendees.

"I thought that Billy D. Washington's comedy was innovative," junior Nathan Tindell said. "His content was based around some larger topics but framed in a way where they were comedic and more light-hearted."

The performance was received well by the crowd.

Even in masks, the laughter was booming.

McCabe said Washington's "stand-up comedy was hilarious and certainly what I needed after a long week of midterms."

Junior Nathaniel Mansfield agreed with the other attendees, adding that "He had an appropriate sense of humor for college students," Tindell said. "It felt like an environment where I could focus on his content and enjoy it rather than thinking about stuff I need to do down the road. I was very glad I was able to attend his show."

Washington had an innate ability to read a room well.

"He made an effort to engage with members of the crowd and was mindful of what sort of people were in the room when telling jokes," Mansfield said. "It's not often that I get to see performances from off-campus entertainers."

Whether it was attending one of his talks or enjoying a comedy show, Etown students enjoyed Washington's visit and hearing more about this talented performer.

You can find Billy D. Washington on his website: www.billydwashington.com.

Photo courtesy of Jesse Waters

Billy D. Washington displayed his talent in comedy during a performance in Elizabethtown College's Gibble Auditorium.

Lecture series offers enlightenment to attendees

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Elizabethtown College will host a lecture series entitled "Evenings of Enlightenment" from 2021 to 2022. The first lecture will feature abduction survivor and founder of the Elizabeth Smart Foundation Elizabeth Smart, on Nov. 11.

Other lectures include MSNBC political analyst Michael Eric Dyson on Dec. 2, founder and president of the Ocean Exploration and pioneer of RMS Titanic Robert D on Feb. 16. Ballard, best-selling author Jim Collins on March 30 and human rights advocate Karima Bennoune on April 20.

Smart will speak as part of the annual Leffler Lecture, which is held in the fall semester. Bennoune will speak as part of the annual Ware Lecture held in the spring semester.

While a majority of the lectures will be held in the upcoming year, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Smart and Dyson regarding their respective experiences.

Smart was abducted on June 5 of 2002 by Brian David Mitchell. She was subsequently held captive by Mitchell and his wife Wanda Barzee until March 12 of 2003. Since then, Mitchell has been serving his sentence at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind. Barzee was released from prison in September of 2018. Smart has since protested against Barzee's release.

After her abduction, Smart founded the Elizabeth Smart Foundation and advocated to promote the AMBER Alert, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act and other legislative proposals to prevent abductions.

She also published the New York Times bestselling book "My Story," which details her experiences during her abduction from 2002 and 2003, as well as worked with other abduction survivors and the Department to create a guide for survivors entitled "You're Not Alone: The Journey From Abduction to Empowerment."

Dyson, who will speak on Dec. 2, is a professor of sociology at Georgetown University. Additionally, Dyson has written almost 20 books on Black political leaders such as Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., Marvin Gaye and Barack Obama, as well as books on a variety of other topics. His book "Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster" won two NAACP Image Awards for Outstanding Literary Work in Non-Fiction and the American Book Award.

He now serves as a political analyst for MSNBC and contributing editor for the New Republican. Previously, Dyson was a host for NPR.

Students, faculty and staff are eligible to attend the lectures for free, but a college-issued ID will be required for entry. A full subscription to the lecture series, which includes the reception and dinner prior to Collins' lecture, is $355. A partial subscription allows attendees to pick three lectures to attend; however, an additional fee of $110 will be added for the reception and dinner if attendees select the Collins lecture. Individual tickets can also be purchased.

All the lectures, except Collins' lecture, will be held on their respective dates at 7:30 p.m. in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. Collins will speak at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square located on 25 South Queen St., Lancaster, Pa 17603. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend the reception and dinner prior to Collins' lecture.

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Beginning on Nov. 11 a new Leffler Lecture series will begin and continue into the spring semester. The first lecture will have Elizabeth Smart as the speaker.

Meet Domino, the mascot of the Features section!
She loves to run in flowery fields when the sun is shining.
For her it's hard to choose if she likes autumn or spring better. However, she does not like summer because running with heat makes her too warm and the winter can be too cold.

Elizabeth's Readings: What do the stars above hold this week?

By: Elizabeth Cunningham

Aries

Change is in the air this week. These changes will be sure to set up the rest of the semester as well as the start of the new year. Watch the job front as a new opportunity will come your way..

Taurus

Make sure you reach out to your friends this week. The New Moon this week may draw a line in the sand. Keep those who cherish you and drive you to reach your goals as you wrap up this semester.

Gemini

The planets are working diligently in your favor to start November strong on the professional front. Don't let this go to waste. Mercury will pay a visit to ensure that it's not all work and no play.

Cancer

Don't ignore the work/life balance this week as the collide with the Moon and Mercury acted up in the family sector. Mars will help out next week with the balance, bringing in a more creative and playful side.

Leo

Reach out to home as the Sun and Mars are in the family sector. Family is important after all. Know that it is okay to focus on family matters rather than schoolwork. With Mercury leaving the communication sector, remember his skills for the future as Mercury will return in this sector next year.

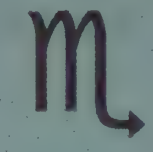
Virgo

The Moon seems to be calling you to slow down and check-in with yourself. Slow down if you need to as it seems you're facing a lot of barriers all at once. Be sure that these barriers are not cutting you off from loved ones.

Libra

Mercury and the Moon will help tie up loose ends this week and "cough" balance "cough" things out. Anyway, with the New Moon closing out the cycle, it will help you refine your game plan.

Scorpio

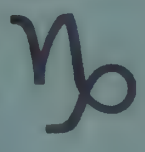


Mercury and Mars are ganging up on you this week. This dynamic duo will give you the energy and drive to finish out this week strong. With Venus leaving your income sector, she hopes to give Mercury and Mars direction.

Sagittarius

Before Venus leaves for Capricorn, take advantage of her. She looks to the future with you as the doors of the past are still open. This is not a bad thing as this gives your heart a voice for the new month. Listen to it.

Capricorn



Christmas will come slightly early for you with a present on Friday. Until then, your friendships and relationships will kick into high gear with Venus. She will help you formulate your desires and have them become reality.

Aquarius

Get ready for a massive mix-up, Aquarius. While multiple areas of your life will be affected, your professional front will be hit the hardest. Accept this change as it brings in new opportunities that you may lose in the future. Despite these changes, you should experience a boost of energy to get your work done.

Pisces

Venus returns to your career sector with a sense of urgency. This ambition will ignite a desire for adventure. Try something new this week and you might be surprised if it comes up in your professional career.

Jay's App's own influencer

Brock Malone is rising on Etown's own social media app

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The Jay's App is something of an Elizabethtown College treasure. Originally meant to be a hub for student information, it has essentially turned into a glorified Twitter with its very own influencers. No one has achieved such high status on the app than first-year early education and special education major Brock Malone. If you have the Jay's App, then you have more than likely seen at least one of Malone's many posts. Very rarely do they have to do with anything college related, but his likes keep going up.

Malone did not expect his posts to go the equivalent of viral on the Jay's App. Some may think that he planned to become famous, but of course, the whole thing started out as a huge joke.

"I was sitting around in the lobby one night with my friends, and somehow, the Jay's App came up, so I posted something stupid on it," Malone said.

Originally, it was only Malone's friends who liked his posts, but as he kept posting, he got more and more traction. His posts will get anywhere from 15 to 40 likes, which for the Jay's App is actually a significant number. At most, the average post recieves about 5 likes. The only expection is if the post is contraversal.

Malone seems genuinely shocked at his newfound fame. He says that while on the way to classes, he has been stopped for pictures by random Etown students.

"It's been surreal," Malone said. "I'll be eating lunch, and I'll overhear my name from strangers talking about me."

Perhaps, one of the reasons for Malone getting such high fame is that his posts rarely have anything to do with the College.

They range from 11:11 posts to talking about LEGOs to debating redownloading Pokemon Go. In fact, his 11:11 post started a craze of nearly every night, someone posting about the time and telling students to make a wish. For ideas for posts, Malone claims they come directly from the source.

"I have a notes tab on my phone, but 90 percent of the stuff is just inside my head," Malone said.

Although Malone is one of the most recognizable faces from the Jay's App, he is not the only one.

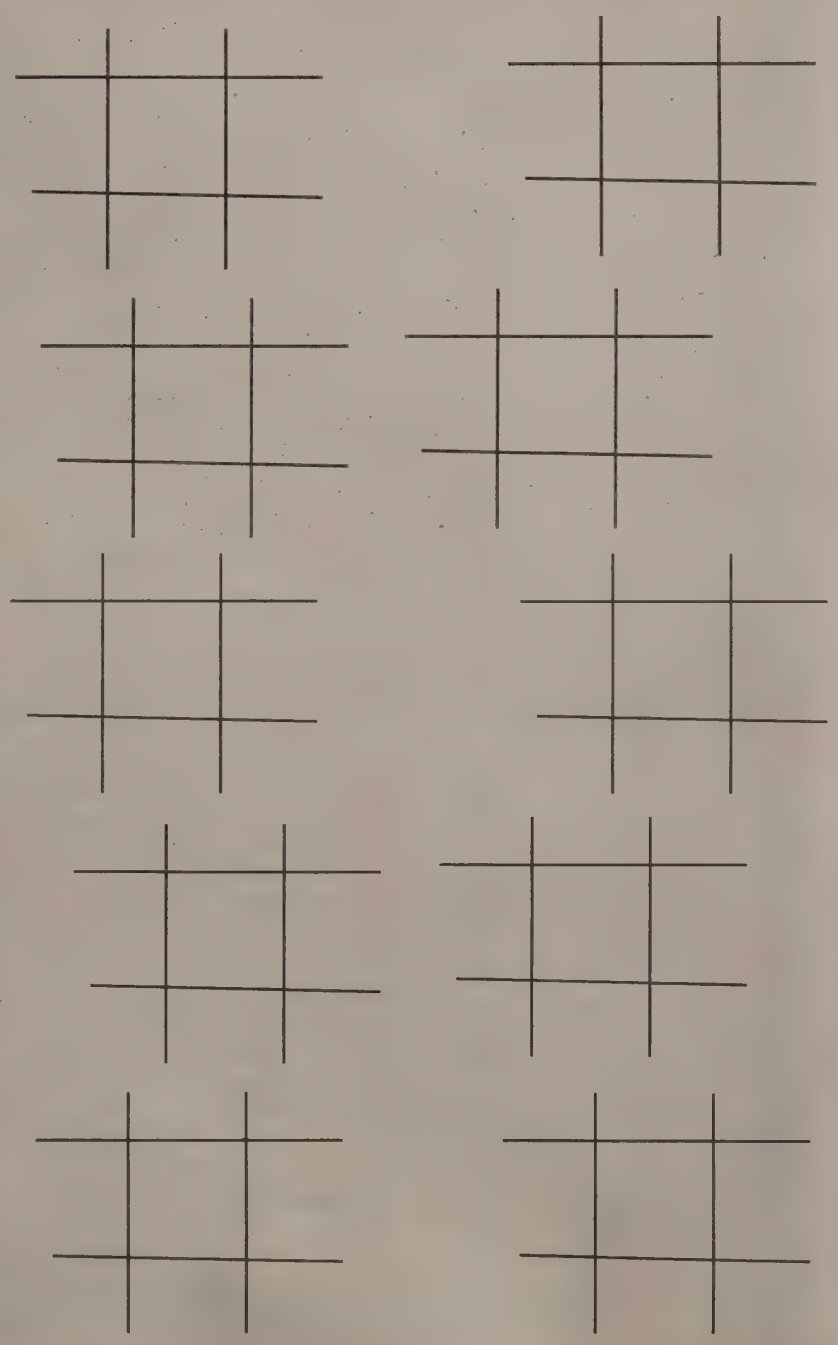
Junior Emily Ward also posts things similar to Malone's. In fact, their posts are often interlinked. If you saw any of their posts, you would assume that they were close friends. However, their first time meeting, despite interacting on the Jay's App since September, was on the Office of Student Activities (OSA) Homecoming Weekend Bingo night.

"She's funny," Malone said. "I give her a lot of credit for starting this."

Outside of campus, Malone does not have the same level of fame he has here. For example, he has tried explaining the craze that he is facing to his parents, but they are mostly just confused, although also supportive.

Next time you find yourself perusing the Jay's App, check out one of many of Brock Malone's posts. For about the past three months, he has posted nearly every day, so you have plenty of material to search through, and you are almost guaranteed to laugh.

The Fun Zone: Tic Tac Toe



See what's Upcoming This week!

11/5 Friday

11am: Off the Street Book Drive and Fundraiser @ *Concourse Table in Bowers Student Center*

7pm: OSA Trivia Night @ *Hoover 110*

7:30pm: Little Shop of Horrors @ *Musser Auditorium in Leffler Chapel*

11/6 Saturday

7:30pm: Little Shop of Horrors @ *Musser Auditorium in Leffler Chapel*

11/7 Sunday

4pm: Catholic Mass @ *Younger Center Bucher Meeting House*

5:30pm: Campus Worship @ *Performance Room in Leffler Chapel*

7pm: Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools Film @ *Gibble Auditorium in Masters Center*

11/8 Monday

8am: Amish Life in Focus: The Dennis L. Hughes Photographs of the Amish @ *IDEA Lab in High Library*

11am: 1st Generation College Student Day Table @ *Concourse Table in the BSC*

11/9 Tuesday

5pm: Food Pairings @ *Demo Kitchen in Bowers Center*

11/10 Wednesday

11am: Roots-Shorashim-Judor: Peace on the the Irsaeli/Palestinean Border @ *Musser Auditorium in Leffler Chapel*

11am: SWAG Tabling Events @ *Concourse Table in the BSC*

3:30: Pause-a 15 Minute Guided Meditation @ *Hoover 110*

4pm: Children's Spanish Program @ *Nicarry 106*

7pm: Ujima Dialogue Series @ *Heritage Room in High Library*

11/11 Thursday

7:30pm: Fake Fireplace @ *High Library*

7:30pm: Elizabethtown College Lecture Series, Leffler Lecture: Elizabeth Smart @ *Musser Auditorium in Leffler Chapel*

Welcome to the Jungle

Kristoff shares his experences on campus

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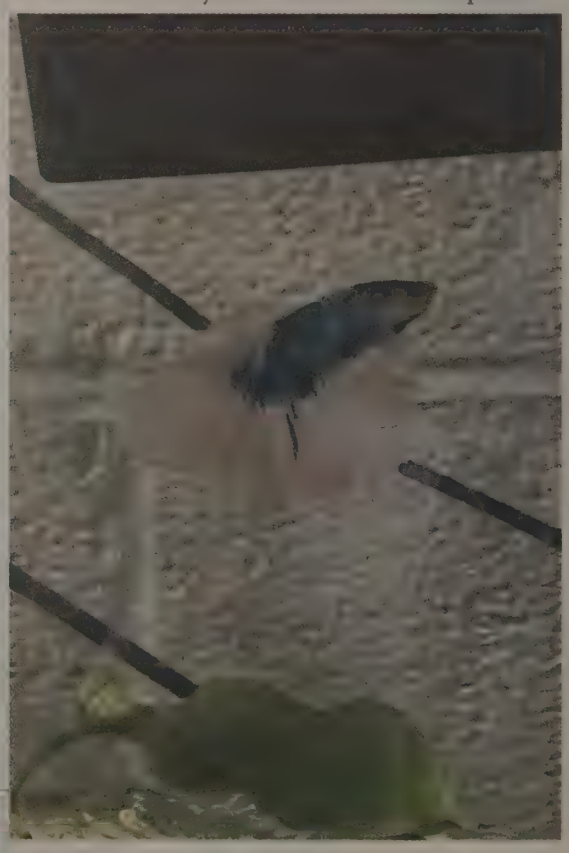
Although I've only been here for two months, my time at Elizabethtown College has been going swimmingly. Of course, things are going swimmingly for me most of the time anyway—I'm a betta fish after all! Hi, everyone. My name is Kristoff. I haven't lived at Etown for very long yet, but I've already found a great home, family and friends here on campus.

Even though I live in a tank, I still have plenty to explore, just like college students! My tank is decorated with dark and light blue pebbles, bamboo, ferns, a rock and an elephant. There's always plenty to do in my tank, like swim around the plants, play hide-and-seek under my rock and (my personal favorite) getting warm by the tank heater. With winter coming, it's starting to get colder, but luckily, I have a nice place to relax and stay warm. But, when my owner comes back there's only one thing on my mind: food.

An important thing to know about me is that I'm always hungry. I'm a growing fish, can you blame me? I always keep an eye out for my owner, and when I see her I swim to the front of my tank. I do that partly to say hello, but I also want to watch and see if it's time to eat. Plus, when I get food I get to spend time with my owner after a long day of swimming around! I miss her when she's off doing whatever humans do, but luckily I have company.

I'm not the only fish in my owner's room: Willow has her own tank, and we spend a lot of time talking and playing when our owners are gone! The day I met Willow was the same day I came home, and I was so glad to see another fish I just couldn't stop staring at her (she IS very pretty, after all). It can be hard to talk and play when you're in separate tanks, but we managed to figure it out. While our owners are gone, we play hide-and-seek, charades and other games of our own invention. Long-distance relationships can be difficult, but we make it work!

Overall, my time at Etown has been fantastic so far. I've made friends, both fish and humans. I get lots of food and have a fun but comfortable tank to play in. I really feel right at home here, thanks to my owner. I'm so lucky she chose me to be her pet!



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Kristoff is hanging out in his tank, pateintly waiting for breakfast.

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Movie Review: The French movie Stuck Together

The international film takes place in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic was released on Netflix in October

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"Stuck Together" is a French movie released on Netflix on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2021. Originally titled "8 Rue de l'Humanite," or "8 Humanity Street," the movie is about the members of an apartment complex in Paris, France drawing closer together during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

Throughout three months, seven families become closer than ever before. Filmed in French, the movie is dubbed in English and can be watched with English subtitles, though this does not diminish its quality, in my opinion.

The movie begins by showcasing the different families. Diego (Jorge Calvo) and his wife Paola live on the ground floor and are the caretakers of the building. Paola has been in the hospital for weeks with COVID-19 and Diego is concerned. Dr. Gabriel (Yvan Attal) is a scientist who runs a lab on the ground floor and is obsessed with developing a vaccine. This ends up driving him insane. Louise (Liliane Rovère) owns a bar on the ground floor and has become a motherly figure to others.

Claire (Laurence Arne), Martin (Dany Boon, also the film's director), their daughter Louna (Rose de Kervenoaël), and dog Basile live on the first floor with a mysterious "North African" neighbor, who the residents feel is breaking the quarantine as she goes out every night. Claire is an attorney who can visit clients in jail and Martin constantly sprays hand sanitizer into his mouth, as he is germ obsessed and panic-ridden.

The second floor is occupied by Tony (François Damiens) and his children Basile (Milo Machado Graner) and Victoria (Milo Machado Graner). Tony is the only owner in the building and has a duplex which continues onto the third floor. It becomes clear throughout the movie that Tony is a racist, misogynistic man who drove away his far more reasonable wife. The second floor is also occupied by Samuel (Tom Leeb) and Agatha (Alison Wheeler). Samuel is a fitness coach who slowly gains more and more weight as the movie progresses and Agatha, a singer, is seven months pregnant.

Each family has issues they are internally fighting. Dr. Gabriel has gone mad trying to find more test subjects for his vaccine, eventually testing it on himself. Diego is at an emotional loss since his wife is in the hospital. Louise is worried her bar will go under due to the pandemic and begins to sell her late husband's pear alcohol as hand sanitizer. Claire and Martin constantly fight as Martin is overly cautious and makes Claire sleep in the stairwell for multiple nights after she visits a client in prison. Tony is a crude man who needs everything to be about himself and belittles others due to his wife leaving him and his children.

"Stuck Together" was an entertaining movie with a lot of humor as these seven families try to navigate pandemic life. Throughout the movie the families learn to grow individually and change their attitude. As this growth happens, the seven families begin to spend more time together and improve the bleak courtyard. When sad or joyous events happen in the movie, they gather and support each other. Overall, I would recommend the movie to anyone who is looking for a lighthearted movie to watch with friends.

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OP-ED by Sanjay Paul Etownian's Response

Etown professor's view on vaccine mandates

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Disclaimer: Professor Homer is a fictitious figure created solely for the purpose of satire. No such character has been known to roam the halls of Hoover, or anywhere else on campus, for that matter. The fictitious figure was created by Dr. Sanjay Paul.

To vaccinate or not to vaccinate against COVID-19,. is that the question?

This should no longer be a legitimate question. The preponderance of scientific evidence is clear: vaccinations are highly effective in dealing with COVID-19. They reduce one's risk of getting infected, of spreading infections to others and in the event of breakthrough infections, the necessity of hospitalization and likelihood of death.

But in Hoover one man stands unimpressed by the weight of evidence. Professor Homer, confident in his wisdom, has chosen not to get vaccinated. He wears masks as required, although of late he has been declaring in the faculty lounge to anyone who will listen that he will no longer play by the rules. No, he says, masks infringe on his personal liberty.

Just like Leona Helmsley who decided not to pay taxes—why, only the little people pay taxes, she is said to have said—Homer believes that the rules are meant only for the hoi polloi.

Homer's declarations in the faculty lounge have not exactly endeared him to his colleagues. They are usually there to make a cup of coffee before class and the last thing they want is an earful from Homer about the impending loss of his various liberties. One day it is religious freedom, the next it is freedom from government control. "Socialism is just around the corner," he said darkly the other day, causing an accounting colleague to abandon her coffee quest and beat a hasty retreat from the lounge.

One is not at liberty to cry "Fire!" in a crowded theater for fear of causing injury to others. People are okay with that restriction, with a limit to their freedom of expression imposed by the wretched government, no less.

But Homer's stubborn insistence on remaining unvaccinated poses a risk to others around him. In his pursuit of untrammeled liberties, Homer endangers the health of his colleagues and students, especially those who have other serious medical concerns to deal with. It is their freedom, their well-being and perhaps their very lives, that are imperiled as a result of Homer's actions.

But Homer need not be allowed to roam freely, unvaccinated, in the halls of Hoover. Society knows how to deal with negative externalities—cases where one's actions harm others without any recompense being made to the affected parties. In order to reduce the occurrence of such instances, society can impose suitable costs on those who choose to inflict harm on their fellow citizens.

Certain firms have begun to act in this manner. Around the country and in our own county, many hospitals have made vaccinations mandatory. So have most major airlines. Their employees face a stark choice—get vaccinated or leave. In either case, their customers and their remaining workers stand to benefit.

President Joe Biden has announced that private employers with 100 workers or more must require their employees to be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing. His plan will affect colleges and universities around the country. But colleges don't have to wait. They can already impose mandates on their own. Many have done so.

Colleges could impose other costs on their unvaccinated employees, with exceptions being made for medical reasons. They could require faculty like Homer to teach remotely, although that would impose a fresh burden on students who wish to attend classes in person. Alternatively, they could be charged a certain amount for the increased health risk they pose to other members of the community and the accompanying financial costs of hospital visits, medical treatment, lost productivity and increased health insurance premiums.

Delta Airlines chose this route. In August they announced that workers who failed to get a government-approved vaccine would have $200 deducted from their paychecks every month and reported an immediate increase in the number of workers who chose to get vaccinated.

But Delta's action may not be a panacea. The legal issues surrounding it are not settled, and the resulting uncertainty may give pause to organizations considering implementing similar steps.

Delta's "stick" approach is in contrast to a "carrot" strategy adopted by some businesses, under which employees get rewarded with cash or other perks for getting vaccinated. Colleges could consider similar efforts to also encourage students to get the vaccine.

Getting a vaccine is remarkably simple—and costless. The CVS pharmacy in Elizabethtown, Pa. notes that the costs of getting a COVID-19 vaccine and a booster shot are covered by insurance or, in the case of the uninsured, by the federal government. They will also throw in a coupon for $5 off a $25 purchase.

The College Community's opinions on vaccines

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Disclaimer: The quotes of students have been edited for length and clarity. Some students have opted to remain anonymous whereas others have chosen to be named. Those who participated in the survey posted to Elizabethtown College's Jays App will remain anonymous as their names were not collected. All opinions in this piece are entirely the speakers' personal thoughts and opinions and do not reflect the values of the Etownian and the author of this article.

Going into the 20th month since the world shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 11th month of having an available vaccine against COVID-19, the push to vaccinate has started to slow down and the turn to send out boosters is starting to intensify. However, to mandate or not to mandate is the question on everyone's mind.

President Joe Biden has already mandated that federal employees and businesses with 100 or more employees be vaccinated. Colleges and companies have jumped the gun, requiring their students, staff and employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to continue working or going to their respective school- or work- places.

Recently, the Etownian received a piece from a professor at Elizabethtown College calling for students and faculty to be vaccinated whether or not there is a vaccine mandate by the College.

We reached out to Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Director Keri Straub who said, "At this time, the College is not requiring the vaccine for employees or students. Currently, both our student and employee vaccination rates are over 80-percent as we have shared in our COVID-19 Campus Status e-newsletter. We continue to strongly encourage all members of the campus community to do their part in protecting our community by receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. If all vaccine suppliers receive full FDA approval, the administration may revisit current vaccine recommendations. We appreciate the campus community's continued compliance to keep our students, faculty, and staff healthy and safe."

We also reached out to the Etown Community through the Jays App to gather their thoughts and opinions.

Out of 33 responses, 70 percent said that they would support a vaccine mandate at Etown.

"I think Etown should implement the vaccine mandate to help regain control of the virus that hasn't gone away," Hannah Skeenkamer, a student who requested to be interviewed, said.

Similar thoughts and feelings were shared in the comments of the survey. One student said, "Vaccines are an effective way to end this pandemic."

Some students provided insight as to why they supported the vaccine mandate, such as Henry Nalker, who said, "I'm an immunocompromised person who has had a kidney transplant and I am more vulnerable to COVID[-19], even with both my shots and my booster."

An anonymous student said, "The vaccine doesn't prevent you from getting the vaccine, but at least it prevents you from dying."

Others brought up the misuse of masks on campus as a reason to promote the vaccine as one anonymous student reported that "students have been following the mask mandates very poorly in buildings, especially the library where they don't seem to really be wearing them at all." Across campus, students do seem to disregard mask-wearing indoors, even though it is one of the College's current mandates as of the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester.

Another said, "These [masks] are the biggest thing we have to supplement the lack of vaccine mandates but it isn't being followed."

"I've seen plenty of people choosing not to wear masks recently, and knowing that everyone is vaccinated would at least make me feel a little bit better," one more added.

Some brought up that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has been FDA-approved and that the vaccine was well funded through private and public figures to develop the COVID-19 vaccines. Also, some have pointed out that the College requires other vaccinations to attend.

One said, "It's not like this is a unique situation as far as vaccination requirements for education are concerned."

30 percent of the responses from the survey say they opposed a vaccination mandate.

One anonymous student said, "The vaccines are not stopping the spread nearly as much as they wanted. Masks are working much better."

Some students have stated that the vaccine is a violation of their bodily autonomy. One student said, "While I believe that the vaccination is safe, I am entirely against it being forced on people. I believe in human rights, and having the choice to put something into your own body, especially when there is so much controversy on the subject."

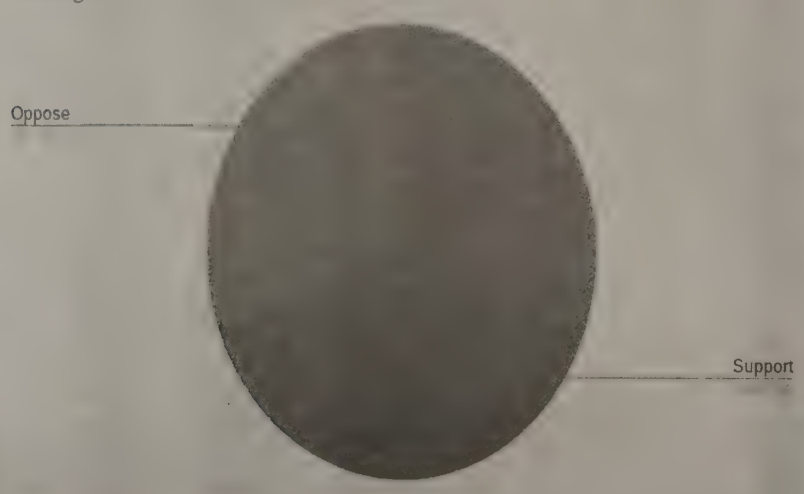
Another student stated, "I believe in certain mandates but maybe not to the extent being done."

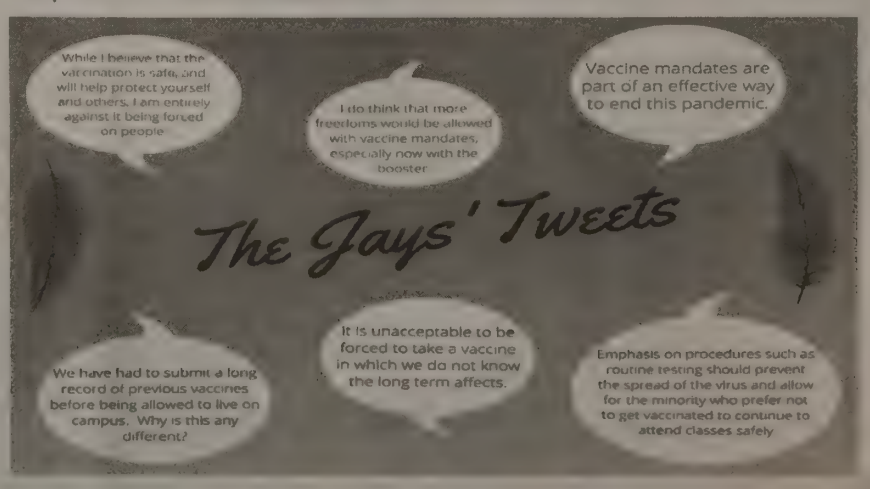
The topic of masks was brought up again as one student submitted on the survey, "If someone chooses not to get vaccinated, just continue to wear a mask."

One student did bring up the fear of the falsification of their vaccination status. They replied to the survey stating, "I would be the most worried about students lying about their vaccination status." An anonymous student said, "Another concern that would come up in this context is students lying about their vaccination status and putting other students at risk by doing that."

Multiple students on both sides have agreed that anyone who is allergic or has a religious exemption should not be required to be vaccinated. One said, "I think everyone who can get the vaccine should get vaccinated."

The general consensus of the Elizabethtown community is to get back to a state of normalcy of pre-COVID-19.




While I believe that the vaccination is safe, and will help protect yourself and others, I am entirely against it being forced on people
I do think that more freedoms would be allowed with vaccine mandates, especially now with the booster
Vaccine mandates are part of an effective way to end this pandemic.
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It is unacceptable to be forced to take a vaccine in which we do not know the long term affects.
We have had to submit a long record of previous vaccines before being allowed to live on campus. Why is this any different?
Emphasis on procedures such as routine testing should prevent the spread of the virus and allow for the minority who prefer not to get vaccinated to continue to attend classes safely

Cross country takes second place at Landmark Conference

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On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Elizabethtown College men's cross country team traveled to Bethlehem, Pa. to participate in the Landmark Conference Championships.

The meet went well, however, the Blue Jays placed second to Moravian University's Greyhounds in a tie breaker. Despite placing second, there were still plenty of highlights for the team.

One of those highlights is that junior Nick Garrett became the sixth individual champion for Etown . The Blue Jays finished with 50 points along with the Greyhounds and had three all-conference place finishers at the meet.

Garrett pulled away from the rest of the runners over the last stretch and ran to the individual championship for the Blue Jays, finishing as the only runner to break 26 minutes. Garrett's winning time was 25 minutes, 37.7 seconds.

He joins alumni Dan Gresh '15, Zach Trama '15 and Samuel Gerstenbacher '20 as the fourth individual cross country champion for the College . Gresh was the individual cross country champion in 2014, followed by Trama in 2015, and Gerstenbacher from 2017 to 2019.

Senior Christian Schaaf, who spent time behind Susquehanna's Jack Warhime, overcame the River Hawks' top runner and took third place in 26:22.6. Warhime came in behind Schaaf at 26 minutes, 28.2 seconds.

Senior Colm Smith and sophomore Brandon Baxter made their way up the board by the conclusion of the race. Smith came through for Etown with a 14th-place finish while Baxter was right behind him in 15th. Smith's time was 27 minutes, 06.9 seconds, while Baxter ran 27 minutes, and 07.2 seconds.

Senior Adam Wolfe was the final scorer for the Jays. He was 17th at 27:12.1.

The Blue Jaysand the Greyhounds tied with 50 points each. The tiebreaker breaks down the top 5 finishers for each team by head-to-head place finishes. While the Blue Jays' top two finishers, 1st and 3rd, were better than Moravian's, 7th and 8th, the Greyhounds next three runners (10th, 12th, 13th), finished ahead of Etown's (14th, 15th, 17th), giving the Greyhounds the majority and the Landmark Conference crown.

The defeat snapped a conference winning streak of six straight for the Jays, who had won it each year since joining the conference.

As the conference's individual champion, Garrett was also named the Performer of the Year. Schaaf made the All-Landmark First Team and Smith earned a spot on the All-Landmark Second Team.

The Blue Jays will prepare for the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College Athletics

Women's soccer ties 2-2 at home against Scranton

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On Saturday, Oct. 30,, the Elizabethtown College women's soccer team faced off against Scranton University at Ira R. Herr Field in Elizabethtown, Pa.

Etown was the first opponent to score twice on 17th-ranked Scranton this season in the final game of the regular season. First year Marissa Vandernick and sophomore Sydney Reich scored goals for the Blue Jays as they tied the Royals 2-2 in two overtimes.

While Scranton led the way in shot count, it was the Blue Jays that struck first in the game. Though it was the only shot of the half, Vandernick made it count.

Sophomore Bailey Groff sent a ball that was headed toward the left post. Goalie Amanda Steinberg of the Scranton University Royals was trying to get to the ball and made her way down as if to make a save. However, Vandernick was able to cut in front of the keeper and ball and deflect it into the open net for her first career goal. That gave Etown a 1-0 lead in the 10th minute.

The Royals applied pressure on the Blue Jays for much of the half and finished with a 10-1 advantage in shots. The Royals did get the equalizer in the 23rd minute, thanks to sophomore Mary Haggerty.

While junior goalkeeper Trinity Soto continued to come up big, making six saves in each half, the Blue Jays were able to grab the lead back in the 79th minute.

Groff was a part of another goal as her ball unleashed Reich up the right side. The sophomore, very similar to her goal in overtime at Drew, sent another looping shot from outside, this time over the keeper's head and into the goal to put Etown in front 2-1.

That lead, however, lasted for only 11 seconds as the Royals went right down the field and a fortunate bounce of the ball came to Niamh Healy in the box. She turned and fired a left-footed blast that hit the back netting to tie the score at 2-2.

Soto made her sixth save of the second half, and 12th of the game, with one minute and 10 seconds remaining to keep it tied and force overtime. Soto added one save in the first overtime and four more in the second to finish with 17 for the game, a new career-high.

Elizabethtown became the first team all season to score two goals against Scranton and the first team in over a month to score at all on the Royals, who have only given up four goals in 15 games.

The Blue Jays will finish as the No. 3 seed in the Landmark Conference and will face the second seed, Susquehanna, in Selinsgrove, Pa. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m.

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The Hershey Bears won a 4-3 overtime victory over the Cleveland Monsters on Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Giant Center.

Left wing player Axel Jonsson-Fjallby provided the overtime heroics to extend Hershey's Halloween winning streak to nine consecutive games dating back to Oct. 31, 1998.

Cleveland Monsters' Josh Dunne scored the first period's only goal at the 7:55 mark after winning a battle on the man-advantage. The number of shots taken after 20 minutes were 14-7, with the Monsters leading.

The Bears responded in the next period with two goals separated by only one minute and 55 seconds. First, center Mike Sgarbossa completed a passing play with Jonsson-Fjallby at 5:25, followed by center Garrett Pilon's redirection of a Lucas Johansen shot at 7:10.

Before the second period concluded, Jake Christiansen responded for the Monsters with his third goal of the season at 14:15. After 40 minutes, shots were 25-22 Cleveland with the score tied 2-2.

Liam Foudy provided Cleveland a 3-2 advantage only 22 seconds into the third period, but defenseman Cody Fransen answered with his second goal. On the power play, Franson blasted home another shot with net front defensemen.

Hershey's premiere penalty kill (PK) came in the opening minutes of sudden-death overtime. Dylan McIlrath was called for tripping at the period's 20:00 mark, and Hershey's PK backed by Pheonix Copley earned a successful kill.

It set the stage for Jonsson-Fjallby's overtime heroics at the 3:27 mark. On a rush with Mike Vecchione, Jonsson-Fjallby wired home the game-winner to improve Hershey's record to 4 wins 1 loss 1 tie.

The Bears return to action on Friday, Nov. 5 with their first visit to Springfield in the 2021-22 campaign. Puck drop between the Bears and Thunderbirds is slated for 7:05 p.m. Voice of the Bears Zack Fisch will have the call on the Bears Radio Network.

Photo courtesy of: Hershey Bears

Lancaster Barnstormers return to Clipper Magazine Stadium

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The Lancaster Barnstormers and Clipper Magazine Stadium made a great comeback in 2021. People were back together at the stadium, enjoying Atlantic League Baseball. The ballpark, which was voted the best among the Major League Baseball Partner Leagues for the second straight year, was revived.

Clipper Magazine Stadium's main attraction, the Barnstormers, finished second out of all 41 teams in Major League Baseball Partner Leagues in total attendance. Fans found their way back to the ballpark after the entire 2020 season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Even when the Barnstormers were on the road, the stadium was still full of activity and various community events. A Fourth of July event presented by BB&T, and celebratory fireworks drew nearly 5,000 area residents. The Clark and Associates' 50th anniversary celebration brought 2,500 folks to Clipper Magazine Stadium. Lancaster's Chamber dinner was attended by 1,500.

One of the most creative ongoing uses of the stadium were the two Lancaster Barnstormers kickball leagues, which brought 8,000 people into the ballpark over a variety of summer evenings.

Clipper Magazine Stadium also served as the host for numerous proms, graduations, wedding rehearsal dinners and other events. It has proven to be the center of the Lancaster community this year.

Hosting all these great events was made easier with the creation of an organization known as Otto's Hospitality, a new in-house food and beverage service. This was created to enhance the experience of stadium patrons, both on game days and for special events.

"We are incredibly grateful for all the support we received this year for our Barnstormers games as well as all the events we were able to host," said general manager Mike Reynolds. "I, personally, am incredibly proud of all my colleagues and the ownership for our commitment to make Clipper Magazine Stadium a community center for Central PA and home to so many events in addition to Barnstormers Baseball."

The stadium will remain active throughout the fall and winter seasons with many holiday parties on tap, several charity events scheduled, as well as the annual Christmas Spirit Light Show presented by Haller, beginning on Saturday, Nov. 27.

All of this while planning is underway for a bigger, better 2022 Barnstormers season in which the club expects to entertain its five millionth fan.

Personal health and fitness: Tropical smoothie recipe

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This tropical smoothie recipe is a cool and creamy smoothie drink filled with tropical flavors. It is loaded with protein and so easy to make. This smoothie is perfect as a breakfast meal replacement or a refreshing drink in between meals.

A smoothie like this makes you feel like you are on a tropical island with its cool and refreshing flavor. It is healthy and loaded with flavor and a huge boost of vitamin C to help build your immunity system. Necessary ingredients include mangos, pineapples, bananas, coconut milk and either some whey protein or a plant-based protein for those who do not consume animal byproducts.

This recipe has less than 10 ingredients, making it easy to make for a college student. Place the pineapple juice, coconut milk, protein powder, banana, frozen mango and frozen pineapple into a blender. Blend until smooth. Stir the smoothie as needed, then pour into a glass. Add additional garnishes, such as shredded coconut flakes, as desired. Enjoy your taste of tropical paradise!

There are even recommendations about which liquids work well with this smoothie. These recommendations are as follows:

Some options of liquids to use on your smoothie are water, ice, milk, coconut water, coffee, tea and juices. If you are going for a healthier option, use coconut water or almond milk.

Looking to give your smoothie a protein boost? Use milk products like dairy or non-dairy milk. A nice, protein-heavy option is pea protein milk. There are so many great options out there.

There are even yogurt recommendations, which are below:

Avoid using high sugar yogurts in your smoothie since your smoothie may already have quite a bit of natural sugars from the fruits you are using.

Great options are greek yogurts or plant-based yogurts that are high in protein and low in carbs. You can use flavored yogurts as well depending on what type of smoothie you are making.

Mario and friends take to the golf course

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Students and profs. transition back to in-person learning

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This semester Elizabethtown College transitioned from a hybrid or remote format by offering all in-person classes. Even though there were many challenges associated with remote and hybrid learning, professors and students still had to adjust to another new normal.

Last semester, many professors decided to teach their courses in a hybrid format where they taught some students in-person in the classroom while other students were present via Zoom.

One of these professors was professor of political science Dr. Fletcher McClellan, who decided to partake in the hybrid format of learning because one of his courses featured simulations while another had students watch films in the Brinser Lecture Hall on campus.

However, McClellan also faced numerous challenges due to the hybrid format of learning.

"Some rooms made it hard for remote students to hear what students in the classroom were saying and vice versa. Making the problem bigger were classrooms not really designed or outfitted for interaction. I would encounter different multimedia setups, depending on what the last professor used, and sometimes I couldn't get the setup I wanted without someone's help," McClellan explained in an interview.

He also commended Information and Technology Services (ITS) for their help whenever he had classroom technology problems.

Other professors, such as associate professor of communications Dr. Kelly Poniatowski, chose to teach their classes completely remotely. Like many people choosing to work remotely, Poniatowski prioritized the health of her family, especially since her young son could not get vaccinated at the time, and mitigated her exposure to COVID-19.

She faced many challenges when remote teaching last semester, including distraction and issues with engagement.

"My classes tend to have lots of interaction, like break[ing] into small groups and get[ing] up to move around the room and brainstorm. Then suddenly we were on Zoom, and even though I put students into breakout rooms to discuss and work in groups, I felt like the engagement was just not there," she explained. "It was also hard for me because I couldn't see and hear everyone in the class at once to know who might be struggling."

However, professors have reported differing experiences with students adjusting to the return to in-person learning after over two semesters of hybrid and remote learning. But both McClellan and Poniatowski have said that students are much more engaged.

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Students volunteer for lawn conversion project

Courtesy of Etown Flickr

Etown student volunteers endured the cold and pouring rain to plant 175 trees by the Brown Building parking lot.

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Elizabethtown College has partnered with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to participate in a lawn conversion project that will help reduce the state's pollution levels for the Chesapeake Bay.

The lawn conversion project began on the grassy area by the Brown Building park lot on Friday, Oct. 29.

Members of the Etown SEEDS Ecology Club and other students helped, planting a total of 175 trees.

All of the trees planted belong to species native to Pennsylvania including American persimmon, sweet crabapple, American plum, black cherry, redbud, sweetbay magnolia and spicebush. Several of these species also provide fruit that helps support wildlife.

Associate professor of biology and faculty advisor of SEEDS Dr. Diane Bridge also volunteered at the event, and she explained the importance and environmental benefits of the initiative.

"Trees allow much more rainwater to infiltrate into the soil than lawn does, so they prevent nutrients from washing out of the soil and into streams. In the Chesapeake Bay watershed where we are, this can improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay," she said in an interview.

She further explained that planting native trees provides both food and habitat for native species, and that the lawn conversion process will save energy and money because mowing and treatment to kill beetle grubs and weeds will no longer be necessary.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is a nonprofit regional organization that is dedicated to protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

According to Bridge, the funding that the Alliance has for the lawn conversion project came from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and USDA Forest Service. Etown administrators and faculty worked in partnership with the Alliance to develop a plan for a lawn conversion project on campus.

The organization enjoys working with volunteers and the nature of the activity made it a perfect event for SEEDS as well as the sophomore class of Student Senate since their officers chose sustainability as their theme for service. The Honors Club was also interested in participating.

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Etown presents at National Collegiate Honors Council

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Five Honors students recently attended and presented at the annual National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) conference with professor Jean-Paul Benowitz. The conference, which has been going for 56 years, was held in Orlando, Fla., and the theme was "Reimagine Honors: Past, Present, Future."

Seniors Kailey Caroland and Kyle Cappuci, juniors Lauren Comly, Andrew Furman and Eric Schubert all attended and presented different panels.

The first was "Honors Connection Uninterrupted: Virtual Opportunities to Foster Community," presented by Caroland and Comly. They were able to provoke discussions about virtual options for the honors college student community in a roundtable environment.

Cappucci, Furman, Schubert and Benowitz were able to present "Honors Community-Based Learning Uninterrupted: Pandemic Possibilities."

The conference ran from Wednesday, Oct. 27, to Saturday, Oct. 28, however the students were able to stay until Sunday and spend the day in Disney World.

Professor Benowitz has been teaching a community based learning course for the last six years, and for the latter half of that time, research has been focused on historically significant properties in the National Historic District of Marietta, Pa. The course uses the National Collegiate Honors Council's pedagogy called City as a Text. Through the NCHC active learning approach, Honors students are able to conduct field work for research while building relationships with local residents and stakeholders in Marietta regarding historic preservation initiatives.

At the presentations, Dr. Benowitz and his students were able to discuss how the Etown Honors Program transitioned from in person to remote learning during the pandemic, while holding onto civic engagements. Research was able to remain uninterrupted.

Courtesy of Jean-Paul Benowitz

Five Etown Honors students along with Prof. Jean-Paul Benowitz presented at the annual conference.

"Through Zoom meetings, Honors students continued to interview residents in Marietta, they continued to conduct their research through online archival collections and government record repositories. We found that Zoom actually improved research, writing and class discussions," Benowitz said.

The students were able to present their research findings remotely. They found that the pandemic actually had a positive impact on Marietta because people were able to socialize while social distancing outdoors on the trails and parks in Marietta. Honors students are currently working with launching a National Historic Preservation Trust "This Place Matters!" campaign for Marietta.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Recently, Meta Platforms, Inc.—formerly Facebook, Inc.—unveiled its plans for the Metaverse, which is a more immersive version of virtual reality (VR) that will merge the real and digital worlds.

In the Metaverse, people can be anyone they desire via VR software such as the Oculus headset or augmented reality glasses. Users will be portrayed through a customizable avatar, allowing them to alter the perception of themselves. Experts perceive this as an appealing factor to the public, prompting them to claim that it may be the successor of the modern internet.

Mark Zuckerberg, the brain behind the Metaverse, explained how this idea will outlive the internet, saying, "You'll be able to do almost anything you can imagine, get together with friends and family, work, learn, play, shop, create, as well as entirely new categories that don't really fit how we think about computers or phones today."

In addition, he described the key quality of this world as the "feeling of presence" it can provide. Users can socialize with family, friends and colleagues no matter how far apart in the physical world. People can discern facial expressions, body language and other communicative signals that are not captured through screens.

Although his description is broad, Zuckerberg continued, stating that the Metaverse is still developing but emphasized that he believes it is the future of technology.

Other companies have joined in the Metaverse craze. Last year, "Fortnite" and Travis Scott offered people a glimpse into this virtual world with over 12 million people attending their VR concert.

In addition, Nike is working toward creating virtual sneakers and other apparel that avatars can wear for purchase. The brand filed a trademark for various virtual goods in preparation.

Although many applaud these companies for their innovation, others warn that it poses serious threats to society.

The concept of the Metaverse derives from science fiction, as pop culture traditionally portrays it negatively. Television shows such as "Black Mirror" and "Westworld" highlight the destructive effects of a mixed reality.

These shows prove there will be a need for policing in the Metaverse, especially as mass amounts of data pour into the system, which serves as a privacy threat to users. Currently, with multiple companies in pursuit of establishing themselves in this virtual world, it is unknown who will collect and control user information.

In addition, this world opens the door for a new era of cybercrime. Avatars may fall victim to hacking. Not only could this cause a data breach, but it may also create confrontation amongst strangers in the Metaverse. The platform is attractive to criminals due to the lack of regulation, leading to difficulty for victims to pursue legal action.

It is dangerous for a single company to moderate this digital world. The fusing of the Metaverse with the physical world could make reality indistinguishable, forever altering society. If Meta continues to expand their idea, they could eventually manipulate and control one's entire life—therefore, eliminating the right to privacy.

With the Metaverse still in its first stages of creation, it is unknown if it will truly overtake the internet. However, it highlights that the proliferation of technology may serve as a threat to the traditional world.

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Etown partners with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

No one could have predicted the horrible weather the day of the event, yet volunteers still participated in the project.

"We were initially a little concerned that students wouldn't show up because the weather was so bad, but everyone honored their commitment and marched out to the Brown lot," vice president of SEEDS Alex Gates said.

Despite the cold rain and wind, Gates described the event as "spectacular."

"The rain was coming down sideways and none of us could feel our fingertips, but everyone was still laughing and having a great time. We blew through the plot in no time and made some amazing memories doing it," Gates said.

The lawn conversion project is not the first sustainability initiative that SEEDS has undertaken. Gates discussed that the club partnered with the Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) to host a pawpaw smoothie tasting event in the Bowers Center Demo Kitchen earlier in the month. The fruit was harvested from pawpaw trees on campus.

She also mentioned that club members were able to save some pawpaw seeds to plant in the spring and donate to the Lancaster Conservancy, which will distribute them across Lancaster County in order to increase local native diversity.

"SEEDS is always planning new events and partnering with other clubs on campus to host events, so you can follow us on Instagram @elizabethownseeds or email us at seedsecology@etown.edu to get on the mailing list so you can stay updated and get involved," Gates said.

The newly planted trees still need to be maintained, and Bridge said that students had the option to sign up for tree maintenance along with planting. Students will check the trees once a month starting this March, and they will need to weed around the trees, straighten the tubes protecting the trees and mark any dead trees so they can be replaced.

The College will continue to work with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay on further sustainability projects.

"[They] have a plan to convert the lawn next to the Brown Building parking lot to a native pollinator plant meadow next year. Students will have the chance to help with this," Bridge said.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Editor's Note: Percentages and projections are based on results reported on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. The results are subject to change.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania held numerous local and statewide elections on Nov. 2, 2021.

Republican Kevin Brobson is the winner of the open seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He edges out Democratic nominee Maria McLaughlin with 50.6 percent of the vote.

Brobson will replace Republican Justice Thomas Saylor, as he has reached the mandatory retirement age of 75.

However, with Brobson's win, Democrats will still maintain a 5-2 majority on the court.

In the race for an open seat on the Pennsylvania Superior Court, Republican Megan Sullivan, a former state prosecutor, defeated Democratic nominee Timika Lane.

Sullivan is set to win with around 54 percent to Timika Lanes' 46 percent of the vote.

Two open seats were needed to be filled in Tuesday's election for the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court.

Four candidates, two from each party, were vying to be within the top two vote getters on election night.

Nominees from the Democratic party were Lori Dumas and David Spurgeon. Nominees from the Republican party were Stacy Wallace and incumbent Judge Drew Crompton.

Republican Stacy Wallace is the only projected winner in the race. She received 26.7 percent of the vote, which tops all four candidates.

Democrat Lori Dumas is currently in second place holding a roughly 12,000-vote lead over incumbent Republican Judge Drew Crompton.

If Dumas can maintain her lead over Crompton, it would be a major pickup for the Democrats in the Pennsylvania appellate courts. However, her margin over Republican Judge Drew Crompton is well within the boundaries for an automatic recount.

Numerous retention elections for state judges were also held. Each of the four judges are set to retain their seat for another 10-year term following election night results.

Many ballot measures were also under the spotlight throughout the Commonwealth on Tuesday.

Question one on the ballots of Philadelphia residents asked if the city charter should be changed to urge the state legislature to decriminalize the use of marijuana and to allow the non-medical sale of the drug.

Voters overwhelmingly voted "YES" to the ballot measure, with over 73 percent of the vote in favor of the measure.

Also in Philadelphia, Incumbent Democratic district attorney Lawrence Krasner will reclaim the office in the city.

Krasner wonwith 71.7 percent of the vote to Republican Charles Peruto's 28 percent.

Numerous municipal elections were also held across the state.

In the second most populated city in the Commonwealth, Pittsburg voters largely voted for Democrat Ed Gainey to become the next Mayor of the steel city.

Ed Gainey will secure the win with over 70 percent of the vote to Republican Tony Moreno's 28 percent.

Democrat Ed Gainey will become the city's first Black mayor when he assumes office.

Two Pennsylvania House of Representatives special elections were held on Tuesday.

District 113, which encompasses much of the City of Scranton, and District 164 outside of Philadelphia, both had open seats to the state legislature.

In House district 113, Democrat Thom Welby is the winner over Republican Dominick Manetti with 69 percent of the vote going to the Democrat.

Welby will replace his former boss, now-state senator Marty Flynn, in the chamber in Harrisburg.

In House district 164, Democrat Gina Curry is set to win over Republican Brian Sharif Taylor for the seat that represents parts of Delaware County. Curry received over 78 percent of the vote to Taylor's 19 percent.

Curry retains the seat held by Former Democratic Representative Margo Davidson, who resigned after being charged with theft relating to the misuse of campaign funds.

In news outside the Commonwealth, Republican gubernatorial nominee Glenn Youngkin dealt a major blow to Democrats, beating out former Governor Terry McAuliffe to become the next Governor of Virginia.

Youngkin received 50.6 percent of the vote to McAuliffe's 48.6 percent, in a state that has not had a Republican win a statewide election since 2009.

In New Jersey, incumbent Governor Phil Murphy defeated Republican challenger Jack Ciattarelli in a race that was closer than expected.

Governor Murphy received just under 51 percent of the vote to Ciatterelli's 48.3 percent.

Murphy became the first Democrat since 1977 to win consecutive terms for governor in the Garden State.

In-person learning will continue next semester

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"[It's been] great to work with students face-to-face and getting them to interact with each other and with me. I have a much better time reading the room and seeing how students react to my antics," McClellan said.

However, Poniatowski noticed that students seem to be overall more distracted since returning to in-person classes since during Zoom classes it was easy for them to browse the internet or text their friends when they could have their cameras off. She also pointed out that some students were struggling with in-person exams that were not open-book.

It is clear that while students and professors are grateful to be fully back on campus and conducting classes in-person, the transition has been hard especially with the pandemic still continuing despite vaccination efforts.

Professor of psychology Dr. Jean Pretz discussed the mental health effects due to remote learning as well as how students can better handle the transition back to in-person learning in an interview.

"College students are known to have elevated levels of anxiety and depression, so the pandemic exacerbated those concerns. All thé changes to course delivery and assessment must have made students more anxious about doing well in class," she said.

Pretz continued, saying, "From what I observed last year, students seemed to feel extremely isolated. That takes a toll because a lot of our mental health relies on social support from others who care about us, and all the precautions on campus unfortunately eliminated a lot of opportunities to build relationships and share support."

Pretz urged students to try to create structure to their schedules to help stay focused, take care of their bodies by getting enough sleep, eating well and exercising and build relationships on campus to create a strong network of social support.

According to Executive Director of Marketing & Communications Keri Straub, the College plans to commit to in-person learning for the spring 2022 semester and strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated to better protect the Etown community.

Honors students present research at conference

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Their work has gone on uninterrupted in the face of virtual learning.

"The focus of our presentation at NCHC was how the pandemic did not interrupt our research, writing, scholarship, community based learning through City as Text and our civic engagement helping Marietta Borough with their historic preservation, economic development [and] ecological/environmental conservation initiatives," Benowitz said.

The conference itself was a typical conference environment, and a professional setting for Honors students to learn more about conference etiquette. The College's Honors Program has been attending the annual NCHC meeting for 20 years, since the existence of the program. Attendees found that there wasn't much of an exceptional change to the conference, even though there has been a global pandemic.

While at the conference, a monograph was put out by NCHC, called "Place, Self, Community: City as Text in the Twenty-First Century." Benowitz authored the chapter "Transforming Community Based Learning Through City as Text." This chapter talks about how the City as Text pedagogy has been incorporated into the Elizabethtown Honors Program. The chapter brings attention to the College as a whole, and puts a spotlight on the Honors Community.

The Etownian congratulates Benowitz on the authorship of this chapter and to the attendees of the conference for their presentations.

For more information: See the article in Features on page 6.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) began its 26th conference on Sunday, Oct. 31 in Glasgow, Scotland. The conference will be held until Saturday, Nov. 13.

The conference was first scheduled for November 2020; however, it was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Similar to COP21, delegates are expected to commit to pledges to mitigate the effects of climate change, as outlined in the Paris Agreement.

While delegates met on Wednesday, Nov. 3, they discussed private sector funding to help mitigate climate change. Protestors in turn began their protest against "greenwashing," which is a term for when organizations use disinformation to appear as environmentally responsible.

According to the New York Times, protestors detailed their demands, urging corporations to "take more substantial steps" and seize funding for fossil fuels. Protestors cited their concerns for the future, echoing reports from Ecological Threat Register, which projects that people may be displaced by a climate crisis as early as 2050.

A group known as the Greenwash Busters, a play on the film "Ghostbusters," attended the protest on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

"We're up here at COP[26] because we know there's governments and companies that profess to be, you know, doing things to save the planet when actually they're doing exactly the opposite," Greenwash Busters member and protestor Richard Baxter said.

Baxter described their hypocrisy, noting that governments and companies that are committing greenwashing may appear to be environmentally responsible, despite investing in deforestation and fossil fuels.

Although there was an investment of $130 trillion in assets to combat climate change, protestors expressed doubt that the promises will be fulfilled.

Protests continued on Friday and Saturday from Nov. 5 to 6, drawing tens of thousands of attendees.

Fridays for Future, a movement that originated from climate activist Greta Thunberg's 2018 strike in Sweden, organized a strike, which was led by youth, similar to Thunberg's. They marched in Glasgow from Kelvingrove Park to George's Square.

Thunberg spoke at the protest, saying, "It is not a secret that COP26 is a failure."

She referred to COP26 as the "Global North Greenwash Festival," noting how younger generations and marginalized communities were not being heard at COP26. She called for societal changes to mitigate the effects of climate change and urged global leaders to seize "business as usual" and instead take immediate, drastic action to cut global emissions.

Across the world, climate activists organized in cities such as London in England, Munich in Bavaria and Jakarta in Indonesia.

As the first week of COP26 concluded, over 40 countries promised to phase out coal by 2050 and 100 leaders promised to not only end, but reverse, deforestation by 2030. The United States of America and the European Union also announced a partnership to decrease methane emissions.

Since COP26 began, President Joe Biden has promoted the U.S. as a leader in combating climate change, especially since former president Donald Trump withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Agreement.

While Biden has advocated for its $500 billion climate plan in the infrastructure bill, it was stalled by U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.).

Similarly, countries such as Russia have refused to cut 30 percent of methane emissions by 2030 as Yahoo! News notes that "Russia is a fossil fuel superpower and wants a 'smooth' transition to greener energy."

A general consensus is necessary to mitigate the effects of climate change. Delegates will have to work to find a solution by Saturday, Nov. 13.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Nov. 4 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting started off with four new senators from the class of 2023 reciting the Oath of Office.

Administrative reports began with Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez reporting back on how coaches perform the COVID-19 testing for student-athletes.

A few weeks ago class of 2025 Vice President Brendan Guy brought up concern over how little instruction is given to athletes on how to perform the tests and the way in which the results of the tests were being collected.

Gonzalez updated that after reviewing the procedure, no changes would be made. She also confirmed that these are blind tests.

Assistant Director for Housing & Resident Life for Student Activities Rina Carpenter gave an update for the Office of Student Activities in which they announced the weekend activities would consist of Trivia on Friday Night at 7 p.m. Then on Saturday night there will be a Smash Brothers tournament held in the KAV.

Rina also announced that this would be their second to last Student Senate meeting, as they have accepted a new position at a new university.

Director of Housing and Residence Life Jenn Azevedo announced that the Thanksgiving Break request form will be open soon, so keep an eye out for that. Azevedo also reminded students to only flush toilet paper in the toilets and to remove hair from showers. The plumbing cannot handle anything else.

Center for Student Success Representative Michelle Henry reminded everyone that Nov. 5 was the last day to withdraw from a course.

Moving into student comments and concerns, Class of 2022 Senator Jocelyn Kosik announced that there will be an intramural kickball tournament going on and encouraged everyone to sign up.

First-year Connor Lawrence gave a statement where he quoted the speech that two members of the Class of 2025 gave a few weeks back. He said diversity of thought should be equally as important as other forms of diversity. He stated that other's viewpoints must be able to be heard, and that there are not as many people on campus who have the same viewpoint.

Guy replied to Lawrence's statement by explaining how people need to recognize their white privilege and attend the forums the campus offers.

Executive President Andrew Furman began the executive cabinet reports. Furman's first report is that the strategic plan is still on schedule to be rolled out Nov. 11.

Also on Nov. 18 the Senior Leadership Team will be having a meeting which will be held in Gibble Auditorium. Students are encouraged to attend.

Executive Secretary Jalen Belgrave announced that they are working on amendments for diversity as well as working on getting a minority caucus started. Belgrave also announced that the creation of a Student Senate newsletter is in the works.

Executive Treasure Kyle Cappucci reported that the finance committee voted to approve a $70 budget request from the computer science club to put toward their Minecraft server.

Cappucci also formally proposed an ad hoc committee for a concrete project, to work towards putting menstrual products in the bathrooms across campus.

Executive Chair for Publicity and Marketing Chair Jessica Freels announced senate in the concourse. This is a meet the senators type of event and will take place on Nov. 8 and 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the BSC concourse.

Business Communications Committee Chair Jared Beachy started committee updates for the committee, announcing the passport program where they are working with local businesses to get a discount on purchasing passports.

Traditions Committee Chair Riley Becker announced the final date of the tree lighting event will be Nov. 17.

Service and Advocacy Committee Chair Madison Holmberg announced that the committee is working on the annual Angel Tree project. There will be a table in the BSC on Nov. 19, 22, 23 and 24, and students can pick a tag off a tree. The tag will have the name, gender and specific interests of an individual for whom participating students may buy a present.

The meeting was then moved into executive session.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.

Recital gives students an opportunity to perform their craft

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The Elizabethtown College School of Arts and Humanities presented a Senior Recital that featured two students' dedication. The Department of Music showcased soprano Natalie Blanton and Joshua Koch on clarinet.

The performance was on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. Elizabethtown College staff, students, alumni, and family and friends of the performers attended the event.

Senior Recitals allow students who study music to display their talents to others. The preparation for the concert requires much dedication from the students. Support and encouragement from the College members' loved ones help with the demands of the recital.

Upon the recital starting, the attendees witnessed the lights transforming into having a purplish hue. Soft candle lights delicately illuminated the walkways, further establishing the tranquil environment.

Alumna Emily Baker described her Senior Recital and the importance of supporting other students during their showcase.

"Being that it's a senior recital and it's students that we know, and all of us having completed a senior recital, we understand how much work goes into it. The more support that they have, it's beneficial for them to feel good about what they've done and that they have support for what they do," Baker stated.

She then continued by stating the importance of the event for students in the Music program.

"It's a great accomplishment for the students... It's great to see what they've been working on and see what all of their hard work has come to... It's nice to support them, especially in their senior year," Baker said.

Fellow Alumnae Elizabeth Baker and Caitlyn Carosella also attended the event. They showed their appreciation for the commitment of the students to their craft.

"To hear live music again is just really, really wonderful. That's one of the beneficial parts of a live performance like this," Baker explained.

Carosella continued by expressing her gratitude for the opportunity for other students.

"It recognizes their accomplishment," Carosella said.

The Senior Recital is a joyful occasion for family and friends as well.

The family of Blanton was able to attend the occasion. They shared how joyous the event was for them, especially to see their daughter's growth.

Blanton's stepmother Melissa Blanton shared how proud she was of her stepdaughter.

"Natalie has worked incredibly hard these last three and a half years. This is a culmination of so many of the things she's worked for. I think it's a nice cap on her musical career so far. I think it's really fun for us to see where she was when we first started watching her... and where she is now," M.Blanton said.

Photo courtesy of Joshua Koch

Koch and Blanton pose in celebration after a successful senior recital. Their performance was on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3 p.m.

Blanton's father Kevin Blanton also expressed his gratitude for the Senior Recital.

"I think that it's really special because she gets to show off to her friends and family everything she's learned and has been working for. I always feel this immense sense of pride when I hear her sing," K. Blanton stated.

Senior Recitals will be occurring throughout the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. The next music event is the College-Community Orchestra Concert on Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. It will take place in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center.

Students restart public relations club

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Jay Firm was first launched in 2012 by associate professor of communications Dr. Matthew Telleen. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the club went on a hiatus, but has since been restarted by juniors Emily Kuhn and Abigail Zarfoss.

Kuhn and Zarfoss serve as co-presidents of the club. The two public relations (PR) majors opted to restart Jay Firm after working on a client project for COM355, a class taught by associate professor of communications Dr. Kelly Poniatowski on writing in the field of public relations.

As part of their semester-long client project, they opted to work on Jay Firm to conduct research on Jay Firm's exposure to students, as well as create public relations materials for the club.

Poniatowski will now serve as the adviser to Jay Firm.

"My interest lies in my previous work in public relations, the fact that I teach several PR classes, and that I was advisor of [Public Relations Student Society of America] at Duquesne University before coming to Etown," Poniatowski said. "I saw opportunities to work closely with students and help guide them to complete projects for clients. In addition, I see opportunities for students in my PR classes to complete client projects through...Jay Firm and that is pretty exciting to me."

Regarding the origins of the club, Telleen noted that "the [Communications] department...wanted a student group to serve the students interested in public relations." He mentioned that students benefit from participating in ECTV, WWEC and the Etownian, but students pursuing public relations did not have a student-led organization that catered to their needs.

As Telleen had experience in corporate communications, he volunteered to create Jay Firm.

"The first year was a challenge," Telleen said. "I wasn't sure what I wanted [Jay Firm] to look like, and I didn't know the students very well. In the second year, a few dedicated students stepped in and really took off."

Telleen noted that Jay Firm relied upon student leadership as they "did almost all the heavy lifting," whereas Telleen offered input on recruiting students and advice on management. Jay Firm's officers were tasked with finding clients and producing work of their own accord. Jay Firm's clients included the Communications Department and other departments at the College, the College's bookstore and local nonprofit organizations.

At one point, Telleen reported that Jay Firm had 20 members. However, the COVID-19 pandemic led to Jay Firm's hiatus as the club took a break during the 2020-21 academic year.

"I was really grateful when Dr. Poniatowski asked about taking over."
~Matthew Telleen

"The students and I decided not to proceed last year, because of the conditions on campus and the extra burden students were feeling," Telleen said. "That left us with essentially no membership at the beginning of this year. I was very grateful when Dr. Poniatowski asked about taking over. I knew there would be a need to be a push to get students involved, and I think she is in a great position to help."

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Students begin process to restart College Republicans

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Prior to COVID-19, Elizabethtown College's College Republicans was an active club on campus; however, since the COVID-19 pandemic, the club became inactive, as had other clubs on campus, such as the History Club, which recently restarted.

Like juniors Eric Schubert and Gavin McCabe who serve as co-presidents of the History Club, first-year Timothy Mackall expressed interest in restarting the College Republicans, which first began the process of hosting interest meetings and now reconstituting the club.

Mackall will serve as president of the club, along with first-years Kaleigh Christ, Silje Lorentzen and Elizabeth Petlick as vice president, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

The College Republicans is in the process of finding an adviser for the club.

An informational meeting was held on Friday, Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. in Nicarry 202. Approximately 10 people attended the meeting.

Despite the low attendance, Mackall noted that he has "...talked to several people who have told [him] that they are interested in joining."

According to Mackall, the College Republicans' first email had more than 25 people on it, showcasing the students' interest in restarting the club.

"I have been hearing from even more people that they are interested in joining, which is awesome," Mackall said.

Petlick said that she was prompted to get involved in the College Republicans as "...it is a good leadership opportunity, especially because there is not enough Republican representation on campus."

The officers aim to foster a mentality of "healthy political dialogue" and Mackall noted that people can agree to disagree, but "...walk away with having a better understanding of why the other person believes what they do."

"On campus, I hope that the College Republicans can facilitate civil discussion among the campus community and advocate for the [Republican Party's] ideals," Petlick said.

"We must start healing wounds in our society and that will only happen if we come together and talk," Mackall said. "That is what I want this club to be about and that is what we can offer the [campus] community."

The officers of the College Republicans seek to advertise that the club is "open to all." The club, however, is in the process of reconstituting it so that they can hold meetings, along with other events for interested members of the campus community.

To reconstitute the club, Mackall first contacted Assistant Director of Housing & Residence Life for Student Activities Rina Carpenter, who then sent Mackall the club's previous constitution to review.

"They also said they would expedite the process to get the club started since it existed before," Mackall said. "Typically, there is a window at the beginning of the semester to register your club, so we could potentially work around that since reconstituting is different than starting from scratch."

Mackall noted that Carpenter needed more than eight people interested in joining the club and an adviser.

"...Then I will reach out to the Office of Student Activities (OSA) again to see what else needs to be done," Mackall said.

Students interested in joining the College Republicans should contact Mackall at mackallt@etown.edu for more information.

"I have been hearing from even more people that they are interested in joining, which is pretty awesome."

~Timothy Mackall

History club restarts, offers new opportunities for students

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After a hiatus of almost two years, Elizabethtown College's History Club is restarting.

The club is advised by Interim Director of the Young Center and professor of history and anabaptist studies Dr. Steven Nolt.

Officers include juniors Eric Schubert and Gavin McCabe as co-presidents, sophomore Jackson Lager as secretary and sophomore Abigail Sholes as treasurer. All are history majors, except for Lager who is a political science major with a minor in history.

Schubert noted that he was the first of the group to propose the club. His idea for it stemmed from a friend of his at another college who got involved with their History Club, which gave Schubert the final push to restart the College's.

The students met each other in a class on the Civil War, which prompted them to hang out and in turn, inspired them to work on rechartering the History Club.

McCabe noted that while they consulted former president and alumnus Caitlin Rossiter, as well as past members, "a lot of it was [their] own work."

As the officers had support from their peers, Schubert said that it was "easy for [them] to start the process." They worked independently to do so, but "the College was great in the rechartering process," which simplified it for Schubert, McCabe, Lager and Sholes.

Along with their own names, the officers picked historical figures based on their interests. Schubert, McCabe, Lager and Sholes are known as Nixon, Napoleon, Hemingway and Caesar, respectively.

Their email signature also ends with the quote, "SAPERE AUDE," which translates to "dare to know" and encourages students to take the leap to learn more about history.

"As someone with a background greatly rooted in history, and my other roles on campus, it seemed like a great idea and a natural fit," Schubert said, regarding his passion for not only restarting the club, but becoming a leader within the club.

On campus, Schubert works as a student assistant to the Office of the President, the Young Center and Hess Archives. He also serves as a Kinesis Peer Academic Adviser and Co-Captain for the Momentum Program.

For the campus community, the club aims to offer an informal outlet to explore history as a whole, which can further interest in historical topics and entice more thought-provoking conversations. They aim to provide field trips, movie nights, discussions on history to prompt students and parties for special occasions.

As mentioned on the club's Instagram account @etownhistoryclub, they are also looking to host an on-campus event entitled "the Battle of the Blue and the Gray."

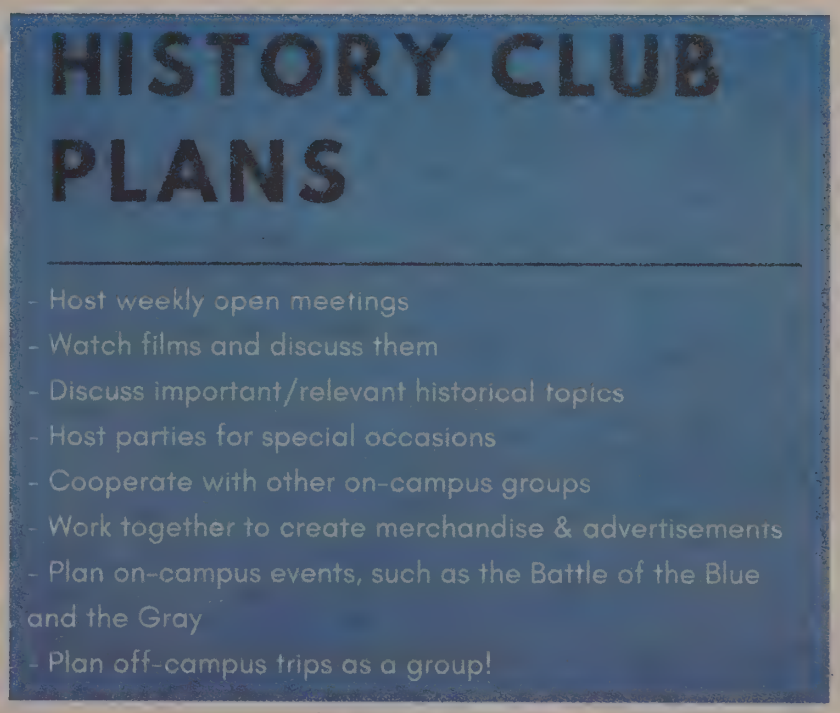
HISTORY CLUB PLANS
- Host weekly open meetings
- Watch films and discuss them
- Discuss important/relevant historical topics
- Host parties for special occasions
- Cooperate with other on-campus groups
- Work together to create merchandise & advertisements
- Plan on-campus events, such as the Battle of the Blue and the Gray
- Plan off-campus trips as a group!

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College History Club

The Elizabethtown College History club plans to host fun events throughout the 2021-22 school year. Email historyclub@etown.edu for more information.

"I think the History Club can operate independently and work in conjunction with other clubs to facilitate and moderate discussion on critical and important topics that are historically relevant," McCabe said. "There is an obvious lack of this on campus."

In the future, the History Club aims to work with other on-campus groups, as well as create merchandise and advertisements to promote the History Club to their peers.

The interest meeting for the History Club was held on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Nicarry 212. 12 people attended, expressing their interest in the club.

Students interested in joining should email historyclub@etown.edu, schuberte@etown.edu or mccabeg@etown.edu. The History Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays in Nicarry 212.

Professor Benowitz presents his chapter at National Collegiate Honors Council

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The "National Collegiate Honors Council" (NCHC) conference occurred from Oct. 27 to 31, 2021. It occurs annually, and this year's theme was "Reimagine Honors: Past, Present, Future."

It discussed a monograph called "Place, Self, Community: City as Text in the Twenty-First Century."

Professor Jean-Paul Benowitz presented his recent chapter named "Transforming Community Based Learning Through City as Text."

Benowitz is a professor for Honors FYS America in the 1980s: To the Max, PHS 202: Museum Studies and Museum Education and BA 400: Senior Project in Business. He is also the Director of Special Programs and Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships at Elizabethtown College.

"[NCHC] is an association of undergraduate honors programs, colleges, directors, deans, faculty, staff and students," Benowitz said.

Benowitz and five Honors students participated in this event. Kailey Caroland and Lauren Comly presented a roundtable discussion called "Honors Connection Uninterrupted: Virtual Opportunities to Foster Community."

Kyle Cappucci, Andrew Furman and student Eric Schubert presented "Honors Community-Based Learning Uninterrupted: Pandemic Possibilities" with Benowitz.

The monograph focuses on structured explorations and forms of immersion in communities, specifically through debriefs, discussions and reflective writing.

"This monograph explores the inherent integrative learning capacity to generate a sense of interconnectedness, of self-in-context, finding expression in professional practices enduring long after the original experiential adventure is over," Benowitz said.

It examines instances of experiential learning outcomes illustrating the power of integrative learning to produce social sensitivity and engagement, especially with raw experience in understanding complex settings.

The monograph contains individuals who can trace their professional lives back to foundational experiences of them immersing in a community and their interactions.

"They include the voices of alumni of NCHC's Honors Semesters, professionals who have used this approach in diverse settings and commentators on both process and practice," Benowitz said.

It also contains authors, who represent social sciences, humanities and science backgrounds and applications.

City as Text is a Signature Program of NCHC where students explore the culture and geography of the local neighborhood within a local community.

"Students are challenged to be sensitive and reflect about the human experience in the local built environment," Benowitz said.

Honors students explore the architectural landscape of different places and research in repositories through public records.

Books, images, sounds, tastes, smells and observations contribute to the students' experiences in being aware of what is missed in everyday life and what can be seen or heard.

"City As Text is an active learning approach helping students regard the world as a book to be read, and to see their journey through it as a cartographer's task of charting the personal paths they take to uncover and discover the local environment around them," Benowitz said.

He refers to this as the "City As Text/Place as Text" strategy. He integrates it in his chapter with Honor students at Elizabethtown College.

"City As Test/Place as Text has contributed to our Honors students thinking independently, critically, solving problems and becoming change agents on campus and in the local community," Benowitz said.

His chapter explains the importance of "City As Text/Place as Text" in the Honors program.

Photo courtesy of Jean Paul Benowitz

Professor Benowitz presented his chapter "Place, Self, Community: City as Text in Twenty-First Century" at NHCH.

Benowitz illustrated how Honor students used "City As Text/Place as Text" strategies when addressing experienced racism in new student orientation programming, transforming volunteerism into sustained civic engagement, preparing for study abroad and promoting prestigious scholarships and fellowships.

Benowitz also discussed how research projects enable Honors students to publish scholarships informing federal, state and local historic preservation public works projects. The students also improve town and gown relationships and work with local stakeholders in community economic development initiatives.

Benowitz discussed his three Honors Community Based Learning courses: his First-Year Seminar, a research methods seminar and a Study Away Regional Studies summer course; and connected them with "City As Text/Place as Text."

"City As Text/Place as Test has transformed these courses providing students with a systematic way to approach learning about the local community and context for service learning," Benowitz said.

Jay Firm relaunched after success of client project

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"I have already heard from students who are excited to make Jay Firm a part of their experience at [the College], and I know they will benefit just as so many students did in the past," said Telleen.

Kuhn noted that they are still in the beginning stages of reviving the club as Jay Firm is looking for a Graphic Design Manager and Public Relations Manager.

"I'm thinking that once we grow with [clients], we'll definitely be able to get more people on board," Zarfoss said.

Overall, Kuhn is hoping to focus on incoming cohorts so that the club can continue running, even after she and Zarfoss graduate next year.

"We hope to be fully running by the spring semester," Poniatowski said.

Kuhn also noted that the club is "not just for PR [majors]" as they are looking for students with expertise in graphic design, as well as general interest in public relations.

Currently, though, Jay Firm has two clients: the Communications Department and the School of Public Service.

Within the club, students work independently, though Poniatowski is there to "guide them and answer questions as they go," as well as assist Kuhn and Zarfoss in getting started. She noted that students are expected to recruit clients, organize client meetings and complete projects for their clients.

In preparation for starting the club, Poniatowski said that Kuhn and Zarfoss "spoke with students at other colleges and universities that have student-run PR firms to get a sense of how they are run, and this has given them ideas of how they want to run Jay Firm."

"We kind of saved [Jay Firm] from the grave. It was almost down there, and then Dr. P[oniatowski] got approached about possibly taking over," Zarfoss said.

In the field of public relations, a portfolio is key when applying to jobs. As such, Jay Firm will offer students the opportunity to build their portfolio and resume, as well as network with others.

Students interested in joining Jay Firm or clients looking for public relations materials should contact Kuhn, Zarfoss or Poniatowski at kuhne@etown.edu, zarfossa@etown.edu or

What TikTok trend are you based on your zodiac sign?

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Aries

The trend for you, dear Aries, is the "Girlbossed too close to the sun." With all your ambitions that sometimes don't work, you probably have plenty of content for this trend.

Taurus

Taurus, the perfect trend for you is the "I understood the assignment." Your hardworking nature often leads to perfectionism which means you always understand the assignment.

Gemini

For the Gemini that likes to be a little secretive, the "Tell Me Without Telling Me" trend works best for you. You'll get to share your gossip in a fun way.

Cancer

The trend for Cancers is the "Ratatouille" musical. Like the people who created it, you are strong-willed and determined. These songs will warm your heart!

Leo

The perfect trend for the ambitious Leos to engage in is the Bo Burnham "Bezos" song trend. Here, you'll get to show your accomplishments without bragging.

Virgo

In order for someone to get to know you, they must be willing to go into the "Thick of It" which fits perfectly with the Backyardigans' song that overtook TikTok.

Libra

The trend for the harmony-seeking Libra is laundry TikTok or the cleaning side of TikTok. Watching houses go from eye-sores to "I wish I lived there" will scratch that itch in your brain.

Scorpio

Because of your unpredictable nature Scorpio, the TikTok trend for you is the Duolingo Owl. Try dueting him next time and see your view count rise!

Sagittarius

Due to your natural curiosity, the perfect trend for you is the "Da Vinky" trend. Add in the fact that it was created by brothers and you are a family sign, it works great.

Capricorn

Your natural confidence can sometimes lead to situations in which you are the best so the trend for is the "Am I Better than Everyone?" You'll have a lot of the material for this.

Aquarius

For the extroverted Aquarius with seemingly no limit of friends, the "Introduce Your Group" trend is best for you. You'll get to show off you and your friends' quirks.

Pisces

The "Berries and Cream" sound has been around for ages but only recently gained popularity, which is similar to you being the oldest sign. Plus, it also has whimsical vibes like you.

An Interview with Pizza Dave

Learn about the person behind pizzas in the Marketplace

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A staple of every college student's mostly (un)balanced diet is pizza. From pepperoni to cheese to dessert, most students find themselves eating some type of pizza on a weekly basis.

The popular place to get it is at the Marketplace where they are made in-house in a fire brick oven. The person who most often makes it, and is most popular, is Pizza Dave.

Pizza Dave comes from a background of working in various restaurants and has been cooking his entire life. For example, he has been employed at Taco Bell and Domino's where he worked for six years. He started here in August of 2019, and since then, he has seen changes to how the pizza making process works. Two of the biggest changes include the recognition of his pizza skills and the experimentation of different pizzas.

"You only get feedback at those places if it's bad," Pizza Dave said. "So, to have everyone come be like 'this is so good,' is very nice."

Having only been here a short amount of time, Pizza Dave has already made a quite name for himself on the Etown's campus. When scrolling through Etown's own app, the Jays App, it is not uncommon to see posts praising his pizza and general personality. Occasionally, Pizza Dave has seen these posts and values the thought behind them, even if he sometimes needs clarification on Generation Z slang terms.

"I was told I got popular on the Jay's App last year, and I figured out how to look at it," Pizza Dave said. "I think it's very nice that everyone appreciates my customer service."

Some of the posts are just simply complimenting his pizzas or strombolis. Others engage in memes or even hakius to express their appreciation for Pizza Dave.

"Christian [Gingrich] gets me," Pizza Dave said. "His haiku made my week."

With the coronavirus pandemic beginning only in Pizza Dave's second semester, he has had plenty of time to experiment outside the rigid structure of traditional restaurants with different types of pizza and pizza making techniques. When someone brings him an idea, he gets the chance to try something new.

"It's a mutative process," Pizza Dave said.

One experimental pizza that ended up being a giant success among students was the cinnamon dessert pizza. In fact, it is even Pizza Dave's profile picture on the Jay's App. The idea was born from a student working at the Marketplace, sophomore Sam Wilson, asked Pizza Dave for a cinnamon honey butter, similar to that of a popular chain restaurant's butter that they serve with bread rolls.

"I whipped one up and put out crocks of stuff. No one took it," Pizza Dave said. "But when I put it on pizza, boom. It was gone. I just evolved it up from there."

If you have any suggestions or ideas for a pizza that you think could be the next hit, let Pizza Dave know or post it on the Jays App! You never know until you try it!

Rory approves of Pizza Dave's Pizza

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Weekly Chirp:

How early is too early to prepare for Christmas? Etown's thoughts:

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With the days getting shorter and the wind getting colder, people have one of two things on their minds: Thanksgiving or Christmas. Of course, some people don't celebrate either holiday and are probably just concerned with the snow.

Christmas is the biggest holiday celebrated in America. Some celebrate for religious reasons while others take a more secular approach. There's no doubt that you know Christmas is coming when the decorations come out on Nov. 1, or even earlier than that.

A survey was posted on the Jays App to determine what the Elizabethtown College community thought about when starting to prepare for the winter holiday was considered to be too early.

Out of 30 responses, 93 percent celebrate Christmas. The holiday is celebrated by 93 percent of the American population for either religious or secular reasons.

One anonymous student said, "Christmas is a great holiday because of all the giving and receiving. It also has a lot of great food and sweets!"

Christmas of course is not complete without the Christmas tree, a wreath, reindeer, a Nativity scene and other various decorations. The majority was split between setting up decorations in November and December. Both months got 40 percent of the responses.

One student admitted that "Christmas decorations aren't put up in my house until [late November to] December because my mother is very strict about leaving time for Thanksgiving. Once up, however, they stay up until at least March."

Another said, "My family starts Christmas stuff the day after Thanksgiving, only because it's a big tradition in our family that requires Griswalding the entire house, and takes over two to three weeks to complete."

As for Christmas shopping, 46 percent say that they do their Christmas shopping in November. This makes sense as one student said, "Shopping and shipping can be a nightmare, so it's better to get a head start."

Due to the pandemic and the labor shortage, many companies are warning about delays in shipping.

November is mostly the best bet to start Christmas shopping. Of course one of the unofficial holidays lies in November: Black Friday. This day is obviously when all companies hold sales to kick off the Christmas shopping spree.

A student responded, "I personally wait until Black Friday to start doing anything Christmas-related."

Another element of Christmas is the music. Of course, it bounces between secular and religious music all the time on the radio. Some radios don't start playing Christmas music until after Halloween or Thanksgiving. Most people start playing Christmas music themselves while driving from store to store or putting up the Christmas decorations. 43 percent of the responses stated that they listen to Christmas music in December.

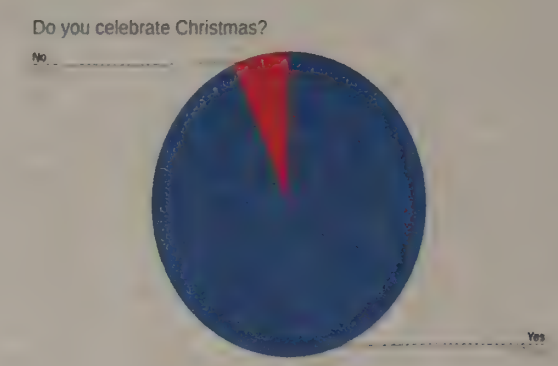
Right before Christmas is Thanksgiving. Eighty-six percent said that they celebrate Thanksgiving. The big debate with celebrating Christmas too early is that it skips over Thanksgiving when it's supposed to be a time to be thankful for what they had and be with their family.

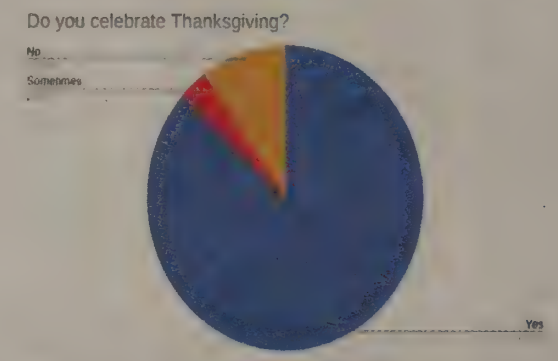
One student said, "I find it annoying that so many people skip Thanksgiving and go straight to Christmas. I feel like people should wait until at least halfway through November before starting on Christmas decorations."

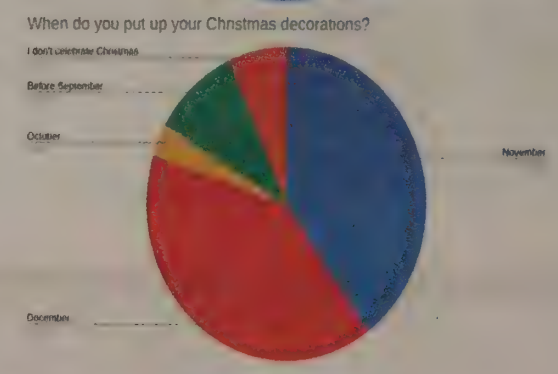
Another student pointed out that "Christmas should have from about December 20th to 30th." They continued, saying, "That's plenty of time considering Hanukkah barely even gets 8 days and is always overshadowed by Christmas which is really a day and a night. It's only two months because of capitalism and exploitation."

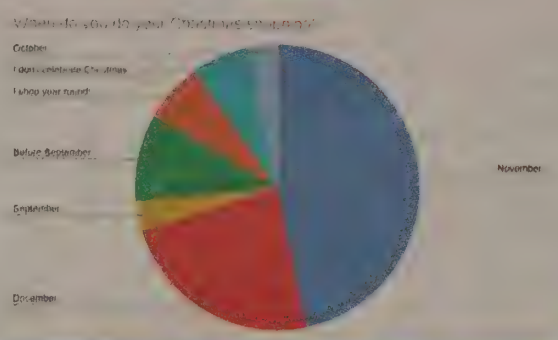
As a counterpoint, someone said, "Honestly, I think people should be able to start preparing for Christmas or any holiday whenever they want. Many people have fond memories of the holidays they celebrate, so they should be free to celebrate them and remember those good times if that's what makes them happy."

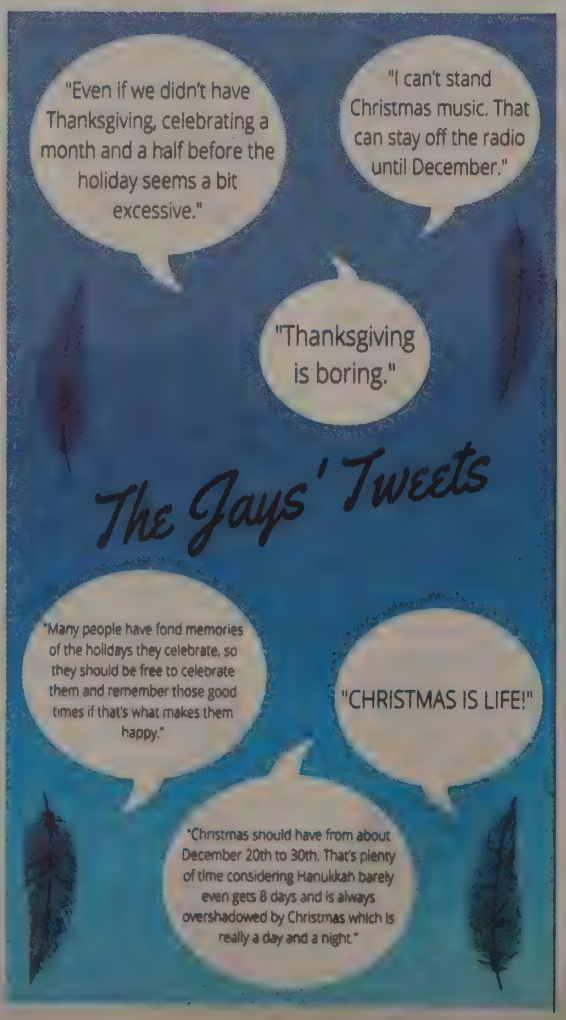
Overall, no matter how you celebrate it and when you prepare for it, Christmas is definitely a major holiday that impacts our culture and society.










"Even if we didn't have Thanksgiving, celebrating a month and a half before the holiday seems a bit excessive."
"I can't stand Christmas music. That can stay off the radio until December."
"Thanksgiving is boring."
The Jays' Tweets
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Easy to make recipes

How can you make cake in a microwave?

by Abby Sholes
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Microwaves are one of the greatest tools for college students: they rely on them to cook food, heat water and make snacks for movie nights. So, any recipe for college students has to be microwave-accessible.

For any student with a sweet tooth, instant cake in a cup is an easy treat for a snack, dessert or, knowing college students, a meal!

The ingredients for these cakes in a cup is fairly straightforward: many grocery stores sell instant microwave cake mixes, which need very few additions. All students need is access to a microwave (if not in their dorm, certainly in the kitchen areas of each residence hall) and a mug. Most instant cake mixes need a few simple additions, like milk (which can be found in the Jay's Nest) or an egg. These mixes cook within minutes and can be a great quick snack. However, the downside is these boxes of instant mix only include a few packets and might be pricey for college students to afford all the time.

An alternative to instant box mixes could be making these cakes from scratch. Plenty of instructional videos and recipes can be found with a quick online search. The ingredients for these recipes are often fairly simple: flour, sugar, eggs, milk and other ingredients like chocolate or other flavors may be used depending on the recipe.

Since these cakes are small, they require smaller amounts of each ingredient, so smaller quantities of each can last a long time. This is great for college students, as smaller bags of flour and sugar are cheaper and easy to store in the dorm. However, just like with instant mixes, there are a few downsides. Making these cakes from scratch takes longer and may get messier than a pre-made instant mix.

Each option has its merits, but overall, cake in a cup is a great and simple way for college students to get their sugar fix. For those who live in a dorm, an instant mix is best for a quick and fairly neat treat. Those who are willing to make the trip to a kitchen or who live in an apartment might prefer making this cake from scratch. It's also a great activity to do with friends! Imagine movie nights, where each person gets to create their own cake in a cup with whatever flavors they want. It's small enough to have with other snacks, so everyone can enjoy a variety of delicious but college-friendly treats.

QUICK CAKE RECIPE

Ingredients:

1 Microwave safe Mug
Little bit of Flour, Milk, Egg, and Sugar OR Instant Cake Packet and additional supplies

Prepare: Combine Ingredients into the mug and stir until smooth. Microwave the mug for several minutes. Stick a toothpick in the center to ensure the cake is done. Lastly, enjoy!

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Concert review: Twenty One Pilots Takeover Tour

The band returns to the stage after two years from their last tour to give an amazing performace you have to see

by Faith Morrow
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Two years after Twenty One Pilots' (TØP) last tour, the duo has finally returned to the stage with their newest music and lore.

As a long time TØP fan, seeing the boys again in person for their new album "Scaled and Icy" was an incredible and emotional experience.

TØP played three shows in their hometown Columbus, Ohio, and I was fortunate enough to attend their show on Saturday, Oct. 30. While super intense fans will arrive hours before showtime or even sleep overnight on the sidewalk for the best pit spots, I opted for a more on time arrival when doors opened at 6:30 p.m.

Because TØP puts a lot of significance on colors and symbols for different albums, it's really special seeing fans dress up like the band's different eras. Some people wore red beanies like lead singer and guitarist Tyler Joseph for "Blurryface," others wore yellow bandanas around their necks like in "Trench," the band's previous album, and of course many people wore pink and blue, the colors of "Scaled and Icy."

Once inside, one of my disappointments for the event was simply due to the unorganized and long nature of merchandise lines. Although I waited around an hour for a chance to buy merch, I barely moved a few feet forward and decided to bail when I heard the openers start.

The concert openers began around 7:30 p.m., starting with Jay Joseph and then Half Alive.

Finally, the anticipation swelled in the audience as Joseph and drummer Josh Dun slowly made their way to the stage, donning black ski-masks and ready to perform "Good Day," the first song on the album. Although people have criticized "Scaled and Icy" for seeming more pop and shallow than other albums, many fans appreciate the lore the album adds to the story. The band performed "No Chances" next, giving the audience a feel for the darker undertone of the album.

What really made the concert experience incredible was the huge array of songs they played from not only "Scaled and Icy," but their other albums. Songs like "Chlorine," "Stressed Out," and "Holding Onto You" from past albums. Hearing thousands of people around you singing the same meaningful lyrics word for word makes the world feel a little smaller.

As per usual, Joseph eventually found his way past fans to the small B-stage in the middle of the pit where he played a fun rendition of "Benny and the Jets" only to then make things more somber with "Redecorate," the last haunting song on the album.

In the middle of the show, the lights lowered as Joseph, Dun and the accompanying band gathered around an artificial campfire on stage for acoustic and heartfelt versions of songs like "Formidable," "My Girl" and "House of Gold." This beautiful, smaller set felt like all of the audience were friends sitting around a campfire just singing and appreciating life's lovely moments.

Soon the boys brought the energy back up with "Saturday," the second most popular song of the album with 42 million Spotify streams. Let's just say the energy was incredible in the arena, especially since it was a Saturday.

As the concert ended, TØP played the album's biggest song "Shy Away" and ended as they always do with "Trees," an older song of theirs. As the final chorus arrived, Joseph and Dun had fans in the pit hold them and their drums up as they banged their drums and pink and blue confetti released like rain over the entire arena.

Whether you are a lore-loving fan or a casual listener of TØP, experiencing them live will ignite a passion for live music in you. It's more than just hearing it on the radio. It's seeing Dun do the backflip off the piano and Joseph sing "Car Radio" on the tower in the pit and heck, even watching as the guys throw the live Ohio State Buckeyes game on the big screen throughout the show to check the score. Do yourself a favor and don't shy away from the Takeover Tour.

Photo courtesy of Faith Morrow

Twenty One Pilots performs their hit, 'Shy Away,' at Nationwide Arena.

Tyler Joseph on B-stage at Nationwide Arena

Photo courtesy of Faith Morrow

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8am: Amish Life in Focus: The Dennis L. Hughes Photographs of the Amish @ *IDEA Lab in High Library*

11am: Mars Wrigley Confectionery Executive Lecture Series: Damien Weaver @ *Hoover 212*

1pm: Nature Walk @ *Lower Lounge in Bowers Center*

7pm: Blue Jays and the Side Gig Hustle: Alumni Panel *@ Bowers Writers House*

7pm: Paint & Sip @ *Hoover 110*

11/13 Saturday

10am: Amish Life in Focus: The Dennis L. Hughes Photographs of the Amish *@ IDEA Lab in High Library*

11/14 Sunday

12pm: Intramural Kickball Tournament @ *Brinser Field, Field House, Courts 1, 2, 3 in Bowers Center*

4pm: Catholic Mass @ *Younger Center Bucher Meeting House*

5:30pm: Campus Worship @ *Performance Room in Leffler Chapel*

11/15 Monday

8:30am: Yoga & Demo Kitchen Series *@ Demo Kitchen in Bowers Center*

4pm: Meditation Sessions with Dr. Long @ *High Library 408*

7pm: Mosaic Unbound Native American History *@ Upper Lounge in Bowers Center*

11/16 Tuesday

7pm: SGPS Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program Virtual Information Session *Virtual Event*

11/17 Wednesday

5:30: Pause a 15 Minute Guided Meditation @ *Hoover 110*

6pm: Children's Spanish Program @ *Library 106*

7pm: Ujima Dialogue Series @ *Heritage Room in High Library*

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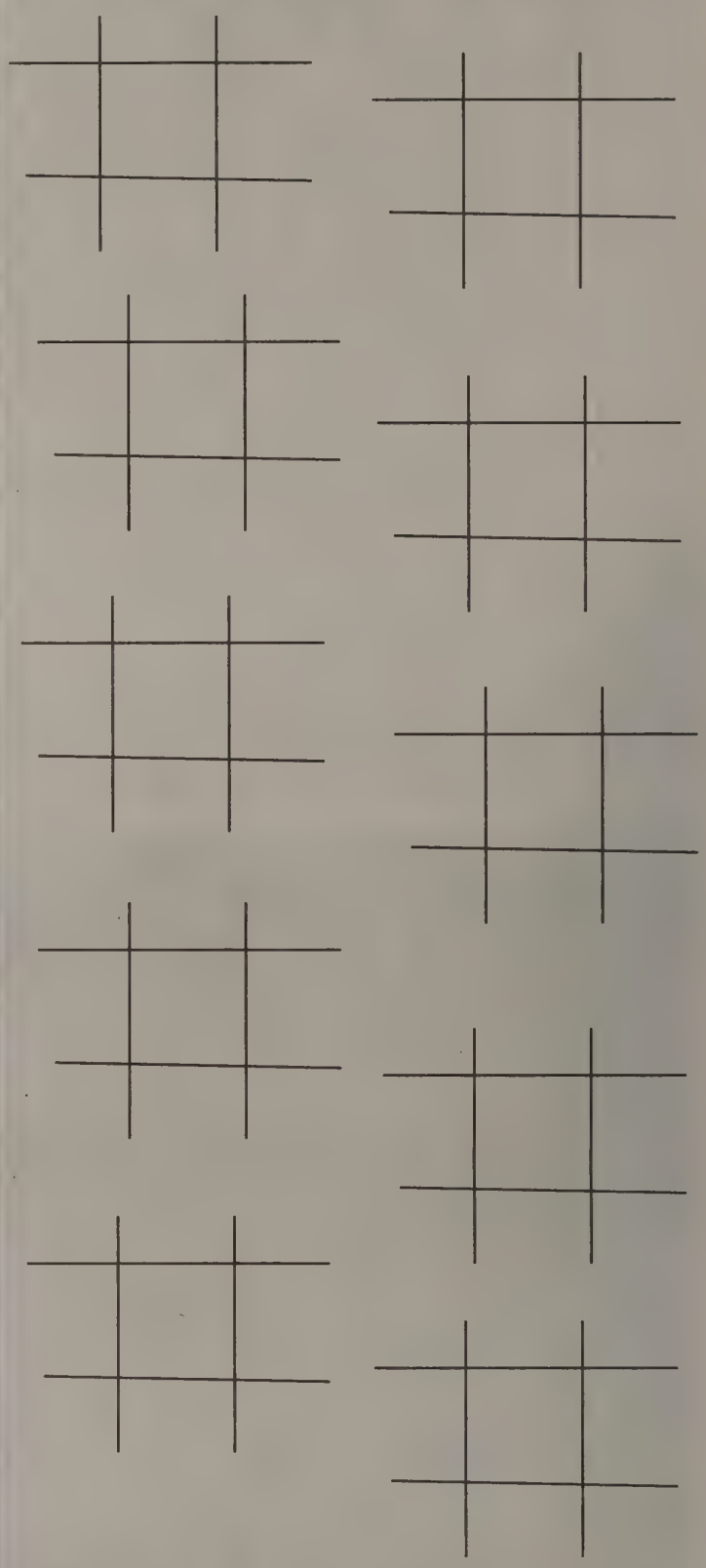

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Women's soccer team beat River Hawks

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On Wednesday, Nov. 3, the Elizabethtown College women's soccer team traveled to Selinsgrove, Pa., where they outlasted Susquehanna University in a penalty shootout Wednesday night in the Landmark Conference Semifinal.

The game was tied 2-2 after the regulation time was up. The Blue Jays beat the River Hawks 8-7 in penalties to advance to their first-ever Landmark Championship.

Susquehanna got on the board first in the 23rd minute of the game on senior Anna Werner's goal to put the River Hawks ahead 1-0. Susquehanna held the Blue Jays scoreless through the first 45 minutes to keep the one-goal lead going into halftime.

Less than two minutes after junior Trinity Soto's save on senior Samantha Chillis, Etown was down at the other end of the field and sophomore Sydney Reich came through to tie the game at 1-1 in the 52nd minute.

15 minutes later, the Blue Jays grabbed the lead.

After assisting on Reich's sixth goal of the season, sophomore Maddie McWhinney produced the second goal of the game for Etown. Senior Erika Antunes delivered a corner kick right onto the foot of McWhinney and her one-touch effort sailed over the goalie's hands and into the net making the score 1-2.

Susquehanna was right back in it less than two minutes later as they scored again and knotted the game at 2-2.

The Blue Jays' defense held firm and Soto only needed to make one save over the final 20 minutes as both of the teams needed overtime.

The River Hawks outshot the Jays 4-2 through both overtimes, but neither side scored so it was then down to penalty kicks.

Etown shot first and converted on their first three. A missed shot at four and a Susquehanna goal put the season on the line, but the Blue Jays converted on the fifth and Soto came up huge with a save to keep the shootout going.

A second five minutes was needed and it was just as thrilling as the first overtime. The sixth shooters for both teams made their attempts, though an Etown miss at seven once again gave Susquehanna a chance to advance. However, the River Hawks missed as things continued on.

The Blue Jays' eighth, ninth and tenth shooters each saw their kicks reach the back of the net as they were still shooting first. On Susquehanna's 10th try, which was needed to match Etown's make, the ball went really far to the left to send Etown off to the Landmark Championships, 8-7, on penalty kicks.

The Blue Jays will take on the top-seeded Royals at Scranton University in Scranton, Pa. on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College Athletics

Review: Super Mario Golf Super Rush

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A new game entitled "Mario Golf: Super Rush" was released on Friday, June 25. This golf game incorporates characters from the Super Mario World, including fan favorites such as Mario, Luigi, Toad, Yoshi and more. Players can even play as a Mii.

The game was first announced on Wednesday, Feb. 17. It is the sixth installment of the "Mario Golf" series. It has a story mode similar to that of "Mario Golf" and "Mario Golf: Advance Tour."

Players can hit the green and play with your friends and family, or play online. There are several modes of golf you can play in this game, such as Standard Golf, Speed Golf, Golf Adventure and more. The button controls make the gameplay easy to drive, putt or run.

How the game works is that you will tee off with up to three other players, and as soon as you tee off, you book it to your ball. The point of this game is to not only be the player with the lowest score, but also to be the first player to sink the ball into the hole. In this game, it is always your turn. There are various abilities that each character has to slow down the speed of opponents.

You can even have a Mii in this game. You can have your Mii play against other characters from the Super Mario world. After enrolling your Mii, it is recommended that you start out with golf training at one of the courses. You will start out as a beginner and work your way up to pro. Along the way, Wario and Waluigi will be up to no good, so keep your eyes out for them. While training, you will face off in golf against your classmates, and go on to play different courses that are found in the game.

The game "Super Mario: Golf Rush" is available on the Nintendo Switch. It costs $59.99 on the Nintendo store. Customers can also purchase the game at Amazon, Best Buy, GameStop, Target and Walmart.

Photo courtesy of Nintendo

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On Tuesday, Nov. 2 in Madison, N.J., the Elizabethtown College men's soccer team traveled to face off against Drew College in the Landmark Conference championship game.

Etown fell to Drew 2-1 in a fierce double overtime Tuesday night in the Landmark Conference.

The Blue Jays finish the season with nine wins, six losses and two ties while the Drew Rangers move to nine wins, seven losses and one tie overall.

Some of the highlights of the game were as follows: first-year Pedro Guizardi scored his third goal of the season and junior Jefferey Bennett tallied his first assist of the year.

Meanwhile, sophomore Matthew Agudelo scored both goals for Drew, one being his first of the season.

Junior Patrick Catillo assisted the game-winner for the Rangers.

After a scoreless and intense first half, Drew scored the first goal of the game.

Earning a corner kick on the right side in the 68th minute, Agudelo stepped up and kicked a service to the back goal post, and sneaked it just inside the far post, giving the Rangers the 1-0 advantage.

The Blue Jays continued to push for the tying goal and found it in the 84th minute. After earning a corner kick on the right side, Bennett drove a cross to the center of the box. Guizardi rose up and headed it towards the goal, beating senior goalkeeper Callum Erlenborn and tying the score at one.

The game remained tied all the way to the second overtime when Drew dumped a throw into the Blue Jays' penalty box.

The ball bounced and then came to the feet of Catillo who attempted a shot but was blocked by the goalkeeper.

Agudelo, however, collected the rebound and one-timed into the back of the net for the game winner.

Junior Kelvin Del Cid made six saves on 10 shots. Erlenborn made six saves on 15 shots for the win.

Tonight was the final game for seniors Nick Pliny, Thomas Knox III, Massimo Mazzella, Garrett Winchella, Ed Rainey and Gio Van Heesewijk and graduate student Adam Bailey.

The Etownian congratulates the seniors on the men's soccer team for their dedication to the sport!

Men's wrestling beats Shippensburg

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On Nov. 3, the Elizabethtown College men's wrestling team traveled to Shippensburg, Pa. to face off against Shippensburg University.

Etown won nine of 10 matches to top Division II Shippensburg, 38 points to three points on Wednesday evening.

With the win, the Blue Jays open the season with a record of one win and no losses orties.

The Blue Jays won five of the nine matches by major decision.

Sophomore Ethan Liptzin got the matches started for the Blue Jays at 125, topping Seth Bloomquist by major decision, 11-2, for the 4-0 advantage.

Sophomore Domenick Rodriguez tallied the lone pin of the night at 133, dropping Josh Jackson 4:28 into the bout pushing the advantage to 10.

After Rupp took 141 by forfeit, sophomore Dorian Gonzalez kept the bonus points coming, scoring the major decision against DeAndre Reed to keep the shutout alive for Etown, 20-0.

Juniors Shane Strausser and Brian Schneider and sophomore Traisach Roland all secured major decisions at their weight class as well to bring the Blue Jays' lead to 32-0.

Senior Hunter Beaudet ground out the first decision of the night, topping Drake Brenize at 184 to up the advantage to 35-0.

After the Raiders found their first three points of the night at 197, sophomore Dylan Waller completed the match with a 8-3 decision over Danny Scheib to lock up the 38-3 win.

The men's wrestling team returns to the mat on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Messiah Invitational at Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, Pa. First bouts start at 9 a.m.

Women's volleyball in Landmark Conference semifinals

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On Wednesday, Nov. 3, in Elizabethtown, Pa., the Elizabethtown College women's volleyball team's season came to a close in the Landmark Conference Semifinals, falling to Scranton University, 3-1.

With the loss, the Blue Jays finished their season with 21 wins and eight losses while the Royals finished their season with a record of 25 wins and six losses overall.

Junior Bryanna Miller finished the night with a match-high 17 kills and nine digs, while junior Sarah Hanks registered a double-double with 35 assists and 11 digs. Sophomore Kambrie Hepler tallied a team-high 19 digs and senior Shelly Yohe recorded eight kills, nine digs and three block assists.

Etown started the match off strong, running out to a 7-1 lead after a kill from sophomore Giana Krinock.

The Blue Jays continued to attack, pushing its advantage to eight, making the score 14-6 highlighted by a kill from sophomore Katie Scaggs and an ace from Krinock over the final three points.

Scranton closed within six points (19-13) but no closer as Etown took the opening set in a dominating fashion, with a final score of 25-16.

The Royals responded in the second set, creeping out to a 12-9 lead after a kill from Carah Vitkus to begin the match.

Etown closed within one at 12-11 but the Royals wound up stealing back the momentum, going on a 6-1 run to move ahead 17-11.

Down 21-15, the Blue Jays continued to battle, rattling off three straight points to cut the deficit to three (21-18) after a kill from Yohe.

Scranton, however, scored four of the final five points to take the third set 25-19.

The Blue Jays scooted out to a 8-5 lead in the third set before the Royals rattled off four consecutive points to move ahead 9-8.

Etown tied the match at nine, 11, and then again at 13, but Scranton began to open up the score, moving ahead by six at 22-16.

The Blue Jays made one last strong run, closing within three at 24-21, but the Royals found the final point to move ahead 25-21.

In the fourth and final set, Etown once again took an early lead as Krinock smashed home a kill for the 7-6 advantage.

Scranton responded again though, scoring five straight to go up 11-7.

The Royals would ride the momentum of that run to take the fourth set 25-12 and the match 3-1.

Tonight was the final game for seniors Rileigh Hudock, Shelly Yohe, Ashley Snesavage, Elizabeth Zeiber and Marlee Dzergoski.

The Etownian congratulates the seniors on the women's volleyball team for their dedication to the sport!

Athlete of the Week: Grant Kuhn

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In elementary school through sixth grade sophomore Grant Kuhn didn't participate in any sports. In seventh grade, he began running for his school's cross country and track teams because he wanted to participate in a sport. Ever since, Kuhn has run cross country every fall and track every spring. Like other cross country and track runners at Elizabethtown College, Kuhn says his favorite part of running for the college is the group of guys he gets to run with.

Kuhn will be studying abroad in the fall of 2022 and is very excited to run cross country in England for the semester. He is also looking forward to the upcoming track season and to begin training for it.

Class Year: 2024
Major: Occupational Therapy
Minors: Psychology and Coaching
Hometown: Lancaster, Pa.
High School: Lampeter Strasburg High School
Favorite Jay's Nest item: Chicken tenders
Favorite Movie: Anything "Star Wars"
Favorite singer: Eminem
Favorite sports team: Denver Broncos
Favorite place to visit: London, England
Favorite Etown memory: Running the 400-meter race at the Blue Jay Tune Up
Greatest Etown accomplishment: Making Dean's List both semesters freshman year
Hardly anyone knows that... Grant is an Eagle Scout
I started running in... 7th grade

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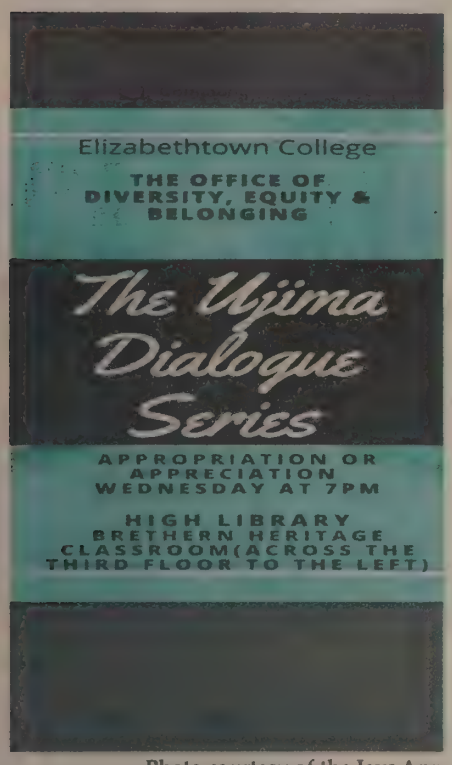
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The Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging hosts events that promote inclusion.

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On Tuesday, Nov. 2 Elizabethtown College President Cecilia M. McCormick, J.D. and the Senior Leadership Team sent an email to the Etown community entitled "Creating a Sense of Belonging for all at Elizabethtown College."

In the email, they apologized for not condemning a series of "inexcusable" racist and biased behaviors and incidents that occurred in classrooms, residence halls, social events and off-campus in a more timely manner. They also specifically denounced the use of racial slurs on campus at any time for any reason.

After the apology for failure to appropriately respond to past incidents, the email detailed how students can report bias-related incidents. The reporting process was instituted this semester, which resulted in an increase in reported bias-related incidents. When an incident is reported, the Bias-Incident Taskforce will employ their resources to investigate the incident and hold any offending parties accountable for their actions. So far, the reporting system has made the Etown community more aware of bias incidents that take place and that they are not tolerated.

The email then shifted to looking towards the future and creating a safer, healthier and more inclusive environment built on mutual respect, fairness and justice.

It encourages everyone to follow Etown's founding principles of social justice, peace and human dignity.

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Etown lecture series begins with Elizabeth Smart

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On Thursday, Nov. 11, Elizabethtown College began its lecture series with its first speaker Elizabeth Smart.

Smart's abduction in 2002 is one of the most followed child kidnapping cases ever. Her experience prompted her to share her account and start the Elizabeth Smart Foundation to advocate for social change.

She began her discussion by emphasizing that all people have a story, and although these can range in severity, everyone has gone through an experience that elicited change. With this, she highlighted that no matter a victim's past, their life will invariably have worth and value.

The conversation then shifted into Smart's kidnapping by Brian David Mitchell and Wanda Barzee. First, she described her day before the abduction, which first-year student Angelina Giglio-Tos found as one of the most interesting parts of the lecture.

"I liked listening to her story about how she was feeling and how she had a normal day before it. It was sad, but it was an interesting story," Giglio-Tos said.

Smart detailed how she was forced out of her house at knifepoint, then led up a mountain and into a well-stocked camp that would serve as her prison. There, she was told that she was now Mitchell's wife, which led to her sexual assault. This egregious treatment persisted for nine months until her rescue on Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

Photo courtesy of Maura Longenecker

Elizabeth Smart ends the lecture by answering the audience's questions during the Q&A portion of the event.

When learning this, Giglio-Tos said, "It was [inspiring] to hear that she was in that situation for nine months and that she still pushed through for her family and was able to live through it."

With the theme of familial bonds present throughout Smart's lecture, Giglio-Tos highlighted that she was glad that the College allowed her parents to attend, stating, "My mom and my dad went. It was nice to see them and listen together."

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The pandemic alters the search for employment

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As the Fall 2021 semester comes to a close, it's time for seniors to start thinking about what comes after graduation, whether that's a full-time job, graduate school or something outside the box.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic still hasn't totally gone away, so job searching has an extra layer of difficulty this year.

Thankfully, COVID-19 vaccines are now readily available, and some restrictions have been lifted or made less strict.

At the height of the pandemic, most companies put a hold on hiring and recruiting efforts, unless the job was fully remote before the pandemic. Now, the number of jobs and internships that are available is slowly returning to the level it was prior to the pandemic.

Many larger corporations still have policies against in-person recruiting, and are conducting their efforts virtually. They expect a strong social media presence through the website and app LinkedIn.

Another website and app that is used for job search is Handshake. Handshake is an employment software on which companies can post jobs and internships online while tagging certain schools and majors.

Both Handshake and LinkedIn are now considered staples for students who are on the hunt for job listings.

Many students are already familiar with Zoom, as it was used to conduct virtual classes. However, many employers are now using Zoom for job interviews. The virtual option is favored by many employers simply because of its ease, and because they don't have to travel.

However, both employees and employers realize that they're missing out on in-person interaction. On the student end, much more effort goes into a Zoom interview than an in-person interview.

Interviewees are still expected to dress professionally, however they also have to worry about lighting and background. It's also hard to get into a professional mindset when you can see both a potential employer and your dirty laundry at the same time, or a busy background.

Many large employers will hold a round of Zoom interviews first, then will take the time and effort to travel for an in-person interview, which grants a level of contact between job candidates and the employer.

A frequently discussed topic is the current amount of jobs open in the workforce, however this does not necessarily correlate to Elizabethtown College graduates. Employers are experiencing difficulty in recruiting workers; however many job openings are for service and retail positions that aren't the kinds of opportunities that graduates are seeking. Many entry-level positions require experience, a frustrating topic for graduates because it was hard to gain that experience while there was a global pandemic.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) sued the ride-sharing service Uber Technologies Inc. (Uber), alleging that the company has discriminated against customers with disabilities and acted in violation of Title III of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

In a press release from the DOJ, the department notes that Uber "charg[ed] 'wait time' fees to passengers, who, because of disability, need more time to enter a car" and emphasized that the policy and implementation of the policy "...harmed many passengers and potential passengers with disabilities throughout the country."

The policy first began in April 2016 and passengers were charged wait time fees in specific cities; however, the wait time fee then expanded, impacting potential customers and customers all across the U.S.. The wait time fee was intended to pay drivers who waited more than two minutes to enter the vehicle.

Prior to April 2016, the New York Times noted that Uber did not pay their drivers until the ride was started. The policy was put in place to ease frustrations from drivers who waited extended periods of time as they waited for their passengers to enter their vehicle.

"...Uber violates the ADA by failing to reasonably modify its wait time fee for passengers who, because of disability, need more than two

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minutes to get in an Uber car," the DOJ alleged. "Passengers with disabilities may need additional time to enter a car for various reasons."

The DOJ argued that Uber failed to provide the appropriate amount of time for boarding a vehicle to passengers with disabilities, make modifications to their policies to accommodate passengers with disabilities and ensure that fares are equitable for passengers with disabilities.

Reportedly, Uber discussed the policy with the DOJ, stating that passengers with disabilities that alerted Uber that they were charged the wait time fee were refunded. Their policy has now been updated to waive the wait time fee for passengers with disabilities.

Uber spokesman Matt Kallman released a statement for Uber, arguing that Uber's policies do not violate ADA. He also noted that Uber "... will keep improving [their] products to support everyone's ability to easily move around their communities."

In the lawsuit, the DOJ is asking the court to order Uber to seize its discrimination against individuals with disabilities, as well as "order Uber to modify its wait time fee policy to comply with the ADA, train its staff and drivers on...ADA, pay money damages to people subjected to the illegal wait time fees and pay a civil penalty to vindicate the public's interest in eliminating disability discrimination."

The DOJ has previously investigated ride-share companies such as Lyft Inc. for discriminating against passengers with disabilities. In 2020, Lyft settled the lawsuit after revising their policies for passengers with disabilities, as well as paid damages to four passengers and a civil penalty.

The DOJ asks that Uber customers subjected to discrimination based on their disability due to wait times fees contact the department at 833-591-0425 or email Uber.Fee@usdoj.gov.

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The College sends email to address incident on campus

This should be done when learning and interacting with each other on and off campus as well as inside and outside of the classroom.

However, this transformation will take time to be established, so everyone must be committed and supportive of creating a sense of belonging for all on campus.

"We have a shared responsibility to show the world what type of people come from Elizabethtown College. We do not take that lightly and we hope you do not either," the email concluded.

This is not the first time the College has faced bias incidents on campus.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 a student reported to Campus Security that homophobic slurs had been written on their whiteboard and a note was slipped underneath their door, stating that they were not welcome in the residence hall. Etown president at the time Carl Strikwerda explained the incident in an email sent to the community a few days after it had taken place. The email urged students to contact Campus Security to report similar incidents and to contact Counselling Services if they need assistance and resources to process the incident.

On another more recent occasion, a former student said the n word on the social media website Facebook in the summer of 2020, nearing the end of the spring semester. This prompted backlash from students and a message from McCormick stating that messages of hate will not be tolerated.

Overcoming bias and prejudice to create a more just and inclusive world takes a lot of time, effort and support, but educating each other and bringing more awareness to these issues is an important first step. Hopefully the College and the entire Etown community continue to learn and grow from these incidents in order to create a better campus for all.

Pennsylvania Politics

This monthly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

It's no secret that the election held on Nov. 2, 2021, was a disaster for the Democratic Party.

The supposedly safe gubernatorial race in New Jersey was won by a razor thin margin and the toss up gubernatorial race in Virginia, wasn't close.

While the race for Pennsylvania Governor was not on the ballot in 2021, we need only look at the Pennsylvania Supreme Court election to see what a Governor's race might have looked like.

Although Democrats were able to maintain their 5-2 majority on the high court, many Democrats were hoping the spot being vacated by retiring Republican Chief Justice Thomas Saylor could be filled by a Democrat.

The Republican candidate for Supreme Court Kevin Brobson was able to defeat the Democratic candidate Maria McLaughlin with fifty-two percent of the vote according to Ballotpedia.

While it may be true that the state's Supreme Court race suffered from low voter turnout, the results in New Jersey and Virginia are a warning sign that Democrats at the state level are in deep trouble in 2022, if they cannot turn things around.

The stakes in the 2022 elections could not be higher, especially as Pennsylvania House Republicans such as Representative Aaron Bernstein are pushing forth their agenda in the legislature.

In May 2021, Bernstein introduced HB0659 that would have ended the requirement to

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obtain a conceal carry permit for handguns and would have lowered the age for conceal carry from 21 to 18.

Republicans claim this would expand the rights of citizens to bear arms consistent with other states that do not have concealed carry permit laws.

Democrats argue that the lack of accountability created by ending mandatory conceal carry registration will lead to more criminals with unregistered handguns in Pennsylvania. Currently, background checks are not required for the purchase of guns through private sale or gun shows. HB0659 passed through committee on a party line vote before being tabled twice, first in May and then again in Sept.

While PA State Representative Bernstein's bill has not yet passed in the PA House, it is an example of the greater question Democrats are facing heading into 2022.

Is this the type of legislative future Pennsylvanians want to see coming out of the 2022 elections?

Often, people forget the sheer number of Republican bills like HB0659 that Gov. Tom Wolf has vetoed since becoming governor in 2015.

The echo of laws restricting voting and abortion rights that recently passed in Texas, Florida and other states with total Republican control of state government are a model for PA Republican lawmakers.

Do Pennsylvanians really want the State Legislature and Executive Branch to be completely controlled by Republicans to supplant the will of the people by selecting electors to the Electoral College if the 2024 election doesn't go their way?

Wolf placed a moratorium on state executions in February of 2015 that has lasted up until today. He put an end to lobbying in the Executive Branch and enacted expanded nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ+ employees at the state level. While the state's minimum wage languishes at $7.25 per hour, Wolf raised the minimum wage for state employees to $12 per hour.

Wolf's track record has been far from perfect and his spotty response to COVID-19 and issues of transparency have tarnished his legacy. However, all the Democratic policies enacted in this state over the last eight years could be undone with a Republican Governor taking office in 2023.

Simply put, the 2021 election should serve as a wakeup call to Democrats in PA to get out and volunteer, campaign and vote in 2022.

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Elizabeth Smart inspires students with her lecture

Although the kidnapping wholly altered Smart's life, she emphasized that her family served as the main motivation to keep faith and continue fighting for her life. Smart stressed that these instances do not define victims; instead, it is one's choices and decisions that command reality. The past does not dictate the future, so one must overcome the trauma of tragedy in order to live life to the fullest.

First-year student Marlaena Ciabattoni attended the lecture and was moved by Smart's story.

"I wanted to go because Elizabeth Smart's story is really important to me as a woman. Even with everything she's been through, she's able to live, [and] that is really inspiring," she said.

Ciabattoni explained that her favorite part of the lecture was the Q&A session, expressing, "I asked... 'Do you think that the justice system did you justice?' And I loved her answer. [She said,] there's no justice system, just a legal system."

Smart had to wait eight years after her abduction for her case to go to trial, forcing wounds to fester as the legal system failed her.

Like many women, Ciabattoni looks up to Smart and is in awe of her strength and courage in dealing with trauma. After the lecture, the first-year student had the honor of meeting her.

"I'm not going to lie, I walked in, and I couldn't believe we were in the same room. I told [Smart] that she's one of my biggest inspirations, and she [replied,] 'Me, really?'" Ciabattoni said.

This highlights Smart's authenticity throughout the lecture. Her honesty and openness are admirable, and because of this, Ciabattoni stated, "It was nice to see that you're able to get over it and move on and have a family and live your life."

Smart's story continues to be an inspiration for people around the world, and her message has allowed for more child safety and sexual abuse awareness and legislation.

The College's second lecture will take place on Thursday, Dec. 2 and feature MSNBC Political Analyst, former NPR host and author Michael Eric Dyson.

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Jobs in the virtual age

Workers have had the time to reevaluate their priorities with the balance of work and life.

Many are going through the Great Resignation, in which experienced candidates are resigning to pursue other options, and some are choosing to retire early. However, the positions left vacant by this are not always the right kind for entry level job positions, but it does provide opportunities for rapid advancement.

Graduate schools have not changed their positions as much because applications were already online. However, many tours were virtual and with job fairs also being online, graduate schools did not have as much of an opportunity to showcase their attributes. However, with targeted online advertisements, students were able to get a hold on which graduate school they want to attend, and many Etown students that wish to go down that path already have their graduate school lined up.

Etown also has its own School of Graduate and Professional Studies, and students can stay and complete a fifth year if needed for their intended path. Careers like occupational therapy and physician's assistants are required to stay beyond a bachelor's degree, and at the College, it's possible to be on an accelerated track.

Even with the pandemic, students at Etown are on the path to success, and with helpful resources like the Career Development Center, the search for the next step isn't that overwhelming.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Nov. 11 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with the swearing in of five new officers.

Student Senate had to vote to approve changes that President Cecilia M. McCormick, J.D. suggested to be made to the Oct. 28 meeting minutes. All changes were denied.

Administrative reports began with Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez. She noted that if any Senator needs someone to talk to, both her and Associate Dean of Students for Community Living Jenn Crowder are always here for them.

Assistant Director for Housing & Resident Life for Student Activities Rina Carpenter gave an update for the Office of Student Actives. They announced the Paint N' Sip night that occurred in Hoover 110 on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Conrad's Corner also was at the event, serving alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages.

This was Carpenter's last Student Senate meeting, and their last day on campus was Tuesday, Nov. 9. Crowder will be the primary contact person for Office of Student Activities (OSA) related issues until the position is filled.

Director of Housing and Residence Life Jenn Azevedo announced that the Thanksgiving break form closes on Nov. 12. She also brought up the point that in order to stay on campus over break, you must be fully vaccinated.

Moving into Executive Cabinet reports, President Andrew Furman reminded Senators of the Senior Leadership Team meeting that will be occurring at the next meeting, on Thursday, Nov. 18 in Gibble Auditorium.

Secretary Jalen Belgrave is working towards getting the idea of having a Student Senate newsletter off the ground.

Treasurer Kyle Cappucci reported that the Finance Committee voted to approve new club funding for the Animal Service Club. He also reported that more planning has been worked on for the startup of a career closet.

Moving into class reports, Class of 2025 President Isaac Kraenbring reported that the class is working on a presentation to present their advocacy project.

Class of 2024 President Maddi Holmberg reminded everyone of the America Recycles Day event that will be held in the KAV from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15. This event follows the class advocacy project of sustainability; students are able to decorate their own recycling bins.

Class of 2023 President Brooke Charria announced that the class has voted on their new advocacy project of blind grading.

Class of 2022 President Nicole Griener reported that the class was able to test the 43 handicap buttons around campus and found that only two did not work, prompting work orders to be placed for them.

Under new business, the Executive Cabinet presented the three semester strategic plan that is aimed to help give guidance to the executive cabinet along with committees.

The plan presented a vision statement along with three main goals. Under each goal there were several action steps, to help achieve the goal.

The Legislation Committee presented a new amendment to be added to the Constitution, in which all senators will be required to complete diversity training.

The committee also presented the addition of Senate Standing Caucuses, which underneath this new section would be the Individuals who Identify with Historically Marginalized Identities Caucus. This caucus "will be a safe space for Student Senators who identify with historically marginalized identities."

Holmberg then presented the formal ad hoc committee proposal formed by the Class of 2024: the Accountability Response Ad Hoc Committee. The goal is to acknowledge issues on campus and ensure that they are being properly addressed in a timely manner.

The committee will also be working with Gonzalez to get results from the campus climate survey and improve the campus to make it more safe, welcoming and inclusive.

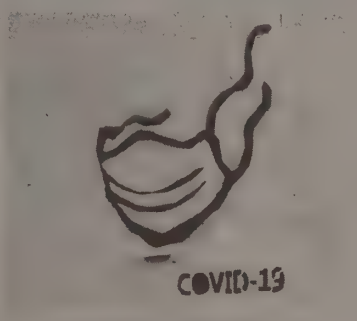
The meeting was motioned to be extended to be moved until 6:15 p.m., and then moved into an executive session.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to the campus community.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.



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Many European countries are experiencing yet another surge in COVID-19 cases, leading to a return of lockdowns and other restrictions. Unvaccinated people are the primary target of the new restrictions, which are the minority of the population. According to the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control, 75 percent of adults in the European Union (UN) and 65 percent of the total population have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

This surge in cases has been primarily fueled by slowing vaccination rates, misinformation and loosened restrictions such as ending face mask mandates and travel bans. In the second week of this month, around 2 million new cases were reported in Europe, the highest number reported in the region since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020. That same week, 27,000 deaths were reported as well.

Even though Europe was one of the first regions in the world to roll out vaccination efforts, conspiracies and misinformation have severely curtailed vaccination rates. Bulgaria has the lowest vaccination rate in the EU at 19 percent while having the highest death rate. The country also has the highest skepticism in vaccines as well as the lowest levels of trust in democracy, health care and the government. Conspiracy theories about vaccines are widely circulated on fake news websites and traditional media outlets.

Overall, Eastern Europe has lower vaccination rates than Western Europe. Eastern European countries are also facing worse outbreaks.

Different countries are taking different measures to respond to the growing number of new cases. For example, Germany is grappling with record-setting numbers of new infections but has not put any vaccine mandates into place for the time being. As of Monday, Nov. 15 in Berlin only those who have been vaccinated can dine in restaurants or visit bars. A three-week partial lockdown is taking place in the Netherlands, and restaurants and shops are closing early.

Austria has taken more extreme measures in an effort to decrease rising COVID-19 cases. To enter public venues such as hotels and restaurants or events with 25 or more people, one must show proof of vaccination. The current vaccination rate is around 65 percent, which is one of the lowest in Western Europe, and this is coupled with one of the highest seven-day infection rates. As of Monday, Nov. 15, around 2 million unvaccinated people will be subject to a 10-day lockdown. They will only be allowed to leave their homes for necessary reasons such as buying food or going to work.

Hundreds of people protested in Vienna, arguing that the lockdown encroaches on their freedom. Police will spot check the vaccination statuses of individuals in public spaces and issue 500 euro, or $572 USD, fines to those breaking the lockdown order.

At the end of October, Russia shut down restaurants, schools and shops in a partial lockdown. The country's current vaccination rate is around 40 percent.

Unlike other EU members, Italy has a strict vaccine mandate; public and private workers must be vaccinated or undergo testing every 48 hours. This is unsurprising considering Italy was one of the worst affected by COVID-19 when the pandemic started. The country now has the third lowest infection rate and fourth highest vaccination rate in the EU.

The lockdowns in EU member countries are a country-by-country decision. Even though lockdowns may seem like drastic measures nearly two years into the pandemic, they may be one of the few ways to decrease infection rates if vaccination rates continue to slow.

Student accepts college's Disney program

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Elizabethtown College sophomore biology major and psychology minor Kathryn Black has been accepted the Disney Program.

The Disney Program is an opportunity to work for Disney while staying at the Flamingo Crossing Village Resort. It is a paid job, but students are expected to pay for housing.

Black will be there from January to July 2022.

To get into the program Black had to apply.

"I also was sent an email to apply that said, 'you should apply for this,' but you didn't need the email in order to apply," Black said.

The process of applying was similar to any other job. First she had to turn in an application and past work experience, then sit through interviews. She doesn't know what she will be doing in the program yet and will not find out until she gets down there. All she knows is it will be something related to her major or minor.

"There's a lot that can be done with psychology. Main Street chooses which scent to pump out for example popcorn to draw in more people...[the scent] is not strong enough in shops to overpower [the artificial scent]. There's also studies showing trash cans every so many feet help prevent littering," Black said.

Before leaving Black has to put in a leave of absence from the College, as she will not be taking any classes during her time at Disney. Other tasks she has to do prior to going include packing and picking roommates and a place to live.

Black is excited to have the opportunity to work at Disney as that was always her dream.

"I'm 19 and I've definitely been [to Disney] more than 19 times. Disney is my life," Black said.

Her parents have a pass that allows them to visit multiple times throughout a year.

Black worked at Six Flags, which will help her at Disney. She noted one difference between being a cast member at the two.

"My old job I had to buy everything, but Disney provides everything except for shoes," Black said.

Disney also has more rules to follow than Six Flags.

Black is excited for her upcoming trip to Disney and it is all she can think about.

"I love Disney. I always said I'd work for them at some point and this is a great opportunity to do that," Black said.

The Disney College Program first began in 1981. While it was temporarily halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Walt Disney Company CEO Bob Chapek restarted it in 2021. For more information on the program, see Disney's website: https://jobs.disneycareers.com/disney-programs.

Photo courtesy of Kathryn Black
Kathryn Black gets accepted in the College's Disney Program

CGUP hosts focused events and programs on racism

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Over the course of the fall 2021 semester, the Elizabethtown College Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking (CGUP) has hosted multiple programs and events related to its first annual Forum on White Supremacy and Global Colonization.

According to CGUP, the forum can be concisely summarized as being "focused on examination of how white supremacy and colonization have functioned in various contexts across the globe and individual empowerment to circumvent cycles and systems of oppression."

This semester has focused mainly on issues of race and racism, tackling the theme of "White Supremacy" on a domestic scope. In the spring, the focus will switch to the second theme of "Global Colonization."

To mark this transition, in the beginning of the spring 2022 semester there will be one final event related to the work completed by students and faculty during the fall 2021 semester.

One of the events that students had the option to participate in this fall was a book group.

There were two book groups, one for students of color and one for white students. The reason for dividing the students in this way had to do with the themes of the books themselves. The text "Me and White Supremacy" by Layla Saad is a book targeted towards white allies interested in antiracism work and it was decided that it would be best to offer students of color an alternate text that was more relevant to their lived experiences as opposed to having them explore a text geared towards white people.

In order to create a space for more intimate conversations, this group was split up— with one half being facilitated by Chaplain and Director of Religious Life Reverend Amy Shorner-Johnson and the other being facilitated by Lancaster-based activist Erika Fitz.

The text chosen for the second group was "Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male Power" by Ijeoma Oluo. This text was much more focused on how racism is experienced by marginalized individuals. This group was facilitated by associate professor of psychology Dr. Dawnielle Simmons, who has collaborated consistently with Haley-Mize over the course of the semester.

"I wanted to give them the opportunity and to center their voices and experiences as part of that group," Interim Director of the CGUP Dr. Shannon Haley-Mize said, discussing the choice to create two separate book groups.

The event in the spring is an art exhibit featuring work made by students as part of their participation in the second book-group, giving students of color at the College a platform to creatively express the ways in which race and racism impact their lives.

Also featured in this exhibit, titled "Putting White Supremacy on Notice," will be artwork from the students in Haley-Mize's First-Year Seminar (FYS) "You Got Schooled: Identity and Power and the Traditional American Experience."

The artwork from Haley-Mize's FYS will feature pieces created by both white students and students of color exploring racism and prejudice as it impacts the local community. Topics to be explored include racism on campus and the history of Elizabethtown as a sundown town.

"They were challenged to create [artwork] of their experience as students of color in a predominantly white institution in a predominantly white, rural small town," said Haley-Mize.

In order to facilitate a broader conversation about the role of art in discussions of race and racism, artist and assistant professor of art at the University of Arkansas Zora J. Murff will be coming on campus alongside two graduate students, M'Shinda Imani Abdullah-Broaddus and Tay Butler ,to showcase their artwork and talk with students.

This exhibit will be located in the High Library and is currently slated to open on Jan. 24, 2022. Student participation and engagement is encouraged, members of the community will be asked to respond via flip grid if interested.

"Our goal is dialogue," Haley-Mize said.

Students enjoy a relaxing time painting while sipping on beverages

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As the doors open, groups of friends rush into the room to claim a table and grab their supplies. It is a Friday night Paint n' Sip event hosted by the Office of Student Activities (OSA). All students are welcome, despite the name implying you may have to be over 21-years-old.

On Friday, Nov. 12 OSA hosted a Paint n' Sip night in Hoover for all students to enjoy. Conrad's Corner, the on-campus mobile bar, was set up and students over the age of 21 were welcome to alcoholic beverages, while underage students could enjoy nonalcoholic beverages such as juice or water.

Once students arrived, they grabbed their supplies and began, as this paint night was unguided, and students were welcome to paint whatever they pleased. However, if students felt a little stuck there were links to Bob Ross painting videos available so they could follow along. Many students chose to follow a tutorial as they were not confident in their painting abilities. However, some students decided to paint their own design and allow their creative side to take over.

Students such as seniors Emma Romeo, Carly Patterson and Kayla Wolf were excited to attend this paint night.

"It's a great thing to do on a Friday night with my friends, and we're all 21 so we can enjoy it," Romeo said.

Many students shared these feelings and came to spend time with friends and connect with new people. Others came to have fun and stay busy on a Friday night on campus.

Seniors Hope McQuoid and Halley Novitch also came to support their friend and the OSA organizer behind this event senior Victoria Vaughn.

Vaughn works for OSA and when asked how long this event took to plan, she replied, "not that long."

She explained OSA had most of the materials already and only had to buy the food for the event, which consisted of a charcuterie board with an arrangement of crackers, cheeses and meats. There were also individual snacks provided.

As mentioned, Conrad's Corner was also present. Vaughn explained OSA attempts to have Conrad's Corner at events at least twice a month and sometimes more. Students over 21 must show a valid state ID and are then given an identification band to wear. Anyone over the age of 21 is then permitted one free alcoholic beverage per hour. Conrad's Corner has various beers, wines and White Claws.

By the end of the evening, everyone had a great time painting and a lot of fun.

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~Emma Romeo

Orchestra concert shows passion and dedication to music

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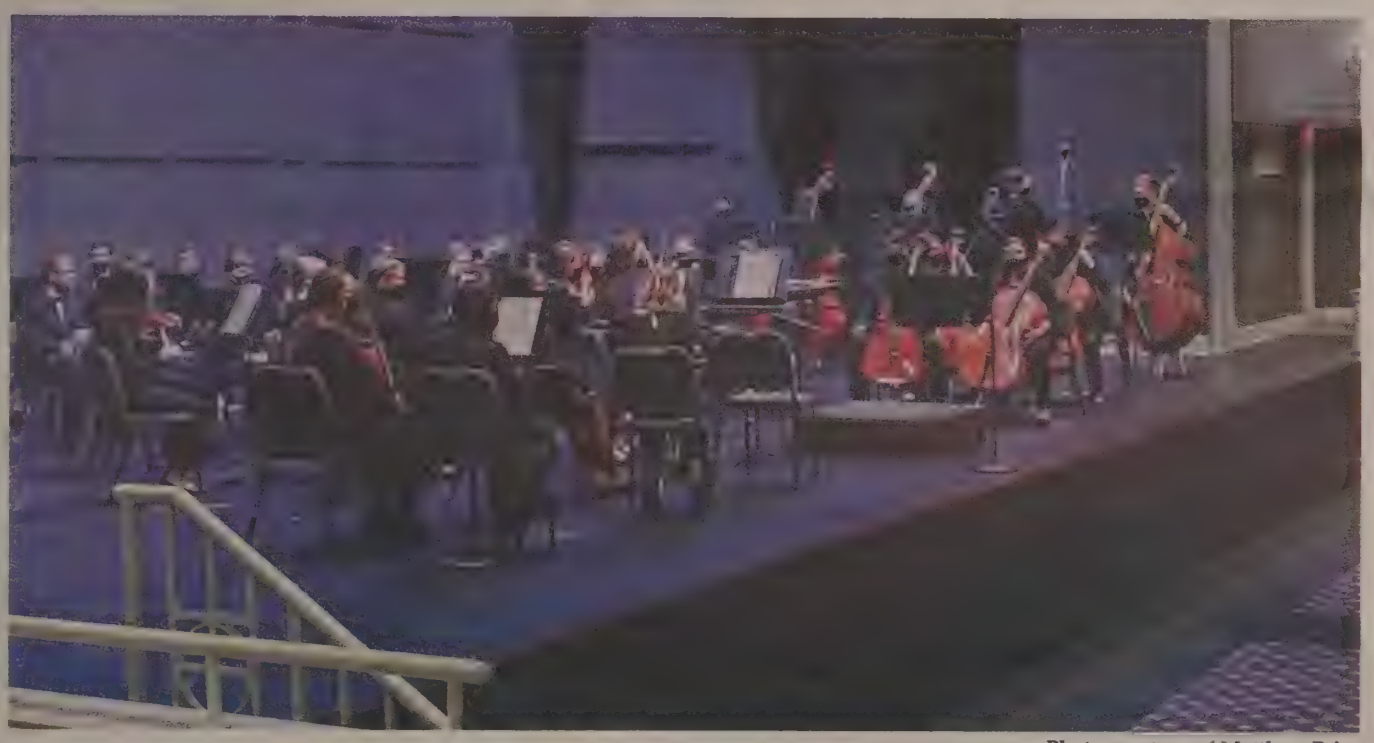

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The Community Orchestra performs at Leffler Chapel at Elizabethtown College on Nov. 14, which was directed by Dr. Hayden Denesha

The Elizabethtown College-Community Orchestra performed their fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 14 at Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. The group is directed by Dr. Hayden Denesha.

The orchestra is one of several music ensembles on campus. The group sets itself apart through the instruments included, unique literature picked and participation of community members.

"All of our music ensembles on campus are tremendously wonderful in both a high standard of artistic excellence as well as the culture they create," Denesha said.

The audience was blown away by the incredible performance, and it was the result of tedious and intentional preparation.

"We have rehearsals twice a week, but it takes individual preparation as well," sophomore string bass player Christian Gingrich said. "The rehearsals are crucial to make sure everyone can play together as a group."

Denesha emphasized the importance of students' individual practice.

"You can't measure an orchestra's level of time commitment based solely on what you do in the classroom or the rehearsal hall," he said. "It's also the countless hours of dedicated practice our musicians put in."

Those countless hours paid off in an incredible showcase of the orchestra's musical talent. Five pieces were executed extremely well, with audience applause filling the performance hall after each one came to an end. Some audience members were even heard in shock, saying "wow" after each piece was completed.

The final piece with which the concert ended was Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5, or "Reformation." Denesha dedicated the performance to the late Otis D. Kitchen, who was a professor of music at Etown from 1965-1996.

"I thought it was really beautifully done," junior Lizvette Pappaterra said when asked about the concert. "I really enjoyed the pieces, especially the 'Sound of Music' one."

Even with masks on, it was clear that the members of the orchestra were feeling very pleased and proud of themselves at the completion of the concert. They truly seem to enjoy the process of creating beautiful music.

"Orchestra is a great way to express yourself," Gingrich said. "It is a lot different from my other classes since I am an engineering major. It is really fun to have a unique class in my schedule."

Overall, the concert was a success. The practice and preparation paid off, and the love for music was clear through the entire show.

"We have progressed a lot as a group and are taking on some challenging repertoire," Gingrich said. "I hope the audience will see the hard work we put in!"

Denesha expressed how proud he is of the orchestra for their dedication.

"The students have really worked hard and shown resilience this semester," he said. "Now that things are returning back to somewhat normal, we've almost had to learn about what it means to be an orchestra again. The students have done that while playing incredibly challenging music. It's been incredible and a great honor for me to witness."

The Elizabethtown College-Community Orchestra is open to new members. Any interested students should email Denesha at deneshah@etown.edu with their level of music experience.

2021-22 Lecture Series begins with abduction survivor Elizabeth Smart

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The 2021-22 Lecture Series began with abduction survivor Elizabeth Smart. On Thursday, Nov. 11, Elizabethtown College students, faculty, staff and community members flocked to Leffler Chapel and Performance Center to hear her speak.

Smart discussed her story, specifically providing details about being abducted, the healing process and how the trauma currently affects her.

Smart attended other events on campus for students to meet her, including eating lunch at the Marketplace and conversing with a small group in Hoover 110. Students who signed up to attend the lecture were invited to these other opportunities.

Smart was abducted on Wednesday, June 5, 2002, when she was just 14-years-old, from her home in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Her captors threatened to kill her or her family if she attempted to escape. Smart said that she felt the responsibility of keeping herself and her loved ones safe; she believed that her kidnappers were capable of murder.

"My captors were not nice people... They became, what felt like, invincible... I became very aware of what they were capable of and... when they [told] me things like 'If you run' or 'If you scream'... 'We will kill you, and if we don't kill you, we will kill your family'... Those threats were very real. I absolutely do believe they were capable of that," Smart said.

Smart revealed how specifically being raped and abused affected her emotionally.

"In my experience, it made me feel very alone, very ashamed... It made me feel like I wasn't as good as everyone else," Smart said.

After nine months of captivity, Smart was found on Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

Determined to help others, she now aspires to make a difference with child abduction, recovery programs and prevention of abduction.

Smart created the Elizabeth Smart Foundation and promoted the National AMBER Alert and Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

She is an author as well, sharing her experiences in her book, "My Story." Smart recently debuted another novel titled "Where There's Hope," which focuses on the healing process of traumatic experiences.

Originally, it was not easy for Smart to talk about her experiences; however, after years of healing, she wanted others to hear the true story.

"I'm pretty sure, my parents could tell you, that I swore up and down that I was actually never going to speak about what happened... But when my case finally went to trial, it was about eight years after I had been rescued... By that point in time, I was an adult and I... remember thinking that I just want this to be done," Smart explained.

Smart does not have remorse over any choice she made during her kidnapping.

"In my experience, everything that I had did, I had done to survive. And looking back, if there had been an opportunity to be rescued sooner, of course I would've wanted to take it... But that being said, I don't regret a single decision that I made because I'm still alive," she said.

Smart's decision to share her story has left others in awe.

Junior Elizabeth Brown attended the lecture and was shocked to hear what she went through.

"Elizabeth Smart's lecture illustrated how truly devastating her abduction story was for her and her family. Her detailed account left many wondering how such a terrible event could take place," Brown explained.

She continued and described how hearing Smart's lecture left her inspired.

"Despite her story, she spread her message of resilience and hope to all of us. Instead of dwelling on the past, [Smart] inspired me to grow despite life's challenges and traumas. Her encouraging words left me grateful for the love and support in my life because those are the tools that kept her alive," Brown said.

The 2021-22 Elizabethtown College Lecture Series continues with MSNBC Political Analyst Michael Eric Dyson. His lecture will be on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Leffler Chapel and Performance Center.

Photo courtesy of Maura Longenecker

Elizabeth Smart inspires hope through the audience attending her lecture on her traumatic past, which she presented on Nov. 11.

Horoscopes as songs from "Red (Taylor's Version)"

By: Lauren Robitaille

Aries

It might be cliché to put "Red (Taylor's Version)" with Aries, but it truly does fit well. The intense stages of love expressed in the song mirror how an Aries approaches love and grief. "The Moment I Knew (Taylor's Version)" is unique as it can relate to an Aries either as the heartbreaker or the heartbroken. While Aries can be restless, once in love, they are loyal partners.

Taurus

With grounded and romantic energy, the songs "Begin Again (Taylor's Version)" and "State of Grace (Acoustic Version) (Taylor's Version)" captures the process of learning to love again after heartbreak and loving compassionately. While it may take Taureans a little longer to move on from a relationship, loyalty is one of their best qualities.

Gemini

Flirtatious Geminis either fall in love extremely quickly or extremely slowly, but in any situation, you can expect for change to happen. Once Geminis find that special person, they can be one of the most stable signs in relationships. My song suggestions for Geminis would be "Everything Has Changed (Taylor's Version)" and "I Bet You Think About Me (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)."

Cancer

While Cancers may be some of the most sensitive and romantic of the signs. The songs "Sad Beautiful Tragic (Taylor's Version)" and "Run (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" give off the same sense of nostalgia and longing that Cancers can be known for.

Leo

For fierce and bold Leos, "I Knew You Were Trouble (Taylor's Version)" and "The Lucky One (Taylor's Version)" embody what it can really be like when put in the center of attention all the time, whether it's intentional or not.

Virgo

Virgos aren't only perfectionists in careers but also in love. While that can cause tension with partners, it's a good thing because Virgos know their worth and won't settle for less. The songs "Better Man (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" and "Stay Stay Stay (Taylor's Version)" fit the themes of moving on and also realizing when something is worth fighting for.

Libra

The song "The Very First Night (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" reminds me of Libras as all the frisky and playful banter tends to get stuck in romantic partners minds. For those of you who want all the options in the world, "All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" is a blessing as you can know what Ms. Swift wrote nine years ago.

Scorpio

A romance with a Scorpio will almost certainly be intense, passionate and maybe even risky. "Treacherous (Taylor's Version)" really encapsulates the feeling of not being able to help falling in love as a Scorpio/with a Scorpio. And while "22 (Taylor's Version)" as a whole doesn't necessarily remind me of Scorpios, it is your birthday season, so it couldn't be skipped.

Sagittarius

For my free-spirited and adventurous Sagittarius friends, "Starlight (Taylor's Version)" perfectly embodies the feeling of being spontaneous with your partner. "Come Back...Be Here (Taylor's Version)" describes how hard long distance can be, which can be even harder for a Sagittarius.

Capricorn

Even with a realistic view of love, Capricorns have a hard time letting go and go through the heartbreak silently. "Holy Ground (Taylor's Version)" is about treasuring the moments you have with loved ones. "Forever Winter (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" is about communicating and supporting your partner.

Aquarius

While Aquarians can be passionate when in love, they can be hesitant to commit. When it comes to matters of the heart, it can be hard to let people in, so the songs "I Almost Do (Taylor's Version)" and "Message In A Bottle (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" give off these vibes. It might be time to stop dropping hints, and really go after what you want out of life.

Pisces

A Pisces in love is surely a force to be reckoned with. When they can find that one person to pull them down from the clouds, they'll be hard pressed to give them up. "The Last Time (Taylor's Version)" and "Nothing New (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" really capture the essence of struggling to let go of the past and feeling the universe itself around you.

The Origins of Truman

Learn about Etown's unoffical mascot and his stardom

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Everyone knows that Conrad the Blue Jay is the official mascot of Elizabethtown College, but perhaps, the unofficial one is Truman the Therapy Doodle. He has become a staple on the campus with his visits and own official merchandise. During the 2021 Homecoming Parade, Truman was the last in the line of floats because of how popular he is. Current students, families and alumni alike all screamed his name when he walked by them. Admissions has shared that people have gone to the College because of Truman. Committed students will decorate their locker with Etown memorabilia and in the middle will be a picture of Truman.

The question that some people ask is how did Truman achieve this level of fame on campus?

What some may not be aware of is that Truman is actually the pet of Communications faculty member, Andy Williams. He is often the one who totes Truman around campus and especially in the Communications department.

"He's been in Comm[unications] for eight years, " Williams said, "and he slept through all of his classes, so that's why he's still in Comm[unnications]."

Williams's family had raised seven labs to become service dogs before Williams's wife requested a dog that did not shed as much. As a result, they received a labradoodle, who would be named Truman. Inside, Truman was very laid back and calm, perfect for a service dog. Outside, however, he was too fond of squirrels and would chase after them which is not ideal for a service dog. Williams's trainer then suggested that the family keep him and raise him as a therapy dog to which they happily obliged too.

"They all have a purpose," Williams said, "and we don't always know what their purpose is."

Truman is not just a show dog. He is trained through a local organization, KPets, for his therapy certification which gets renewed every three years. He travels to elementary schools and nursing homes to help there. Recently, he has been trained in Crisis Response, so if a natural disaster happens, he can go and help. Two years ago, he travelled to a 9/11 memorial to represent the service dogs that were lost.

"It just blows me away because he's our pet, but he touches so many people," Williams said.

Since he was eight weeks old, Truman has been coming to the Etown campus. He loves to visit with the students, and during the stay-at-home order that occurred at the beginning of the pandemic, Truman became very needy because he could not come to the campus.

The marketing craze at the college bookstore and other places on campus started when Williams's daughter put an Etown ski hat on Truman. As a therapy dog, he tolerated the hat long enough for her to snap a picture. Williams then sent the photo to the bookstore. Since they were just beginning their social media presence, they asked if they could post the photo on their Instagram which Williams agreed too.

"It got a lot of attention," Williams said, "so she asked if we could try other stuff."

Overall, Williams is quite happy to see the hype and love surrounding Truman. It seems that nearly everyone who has been on the Etown campus for the past eight years has some story surrounding Truman.

"I want everyone to enjoy him as much as we do," Williams said.

Next time Truman is on campus, be sure to give him some love!

First Photo: At only eight weeks old, Truman starts to learn the Etown campus
Second Photo: Truman posing in front of the Elizabethtown College sign.
Photos courtesy of Andy Williams

See what's Upcoming This week!

11/19 Friday

6pm: Mad Cow Improv Show @ *Gibble Auditorium in Masters Center*

7pm: OSA Trivia Night @ *Hoover 110*

11/20 Saturday

10am: Amish Life in Focus: The Dennis L. Hughes Photographs of the Amish @ *IDEA Lab in High Library*

1pm: A Bridge Across, A Path Through Exhibit @ *Hess Gallery in Zug Hall*

11/21 Sunday

3pm: Fall 2021 Symphonic Band Concert @ *Musser Auditorium in Leffler Chapel*

4pm: Catholic Mass @ *Younger Center Bucher Meeting House*

5:30pm: Campus Worship @ *Performance Room in Leffler Chapel*

11/29 Monday

12pm/6pm: All Graduate Programs Virtual Information Session *Virtual Event*

11/30 Tuesday

9am: Elizabethtown College Job Fair @ *Susquehanna Room*

6pm: Dauphin County Social Services for Children and Youth Information Session @ *BC 200 in BSC*

12/2 Thursday

7:30pm: President's Lecture Series: Michael Eric Dyson @ *Musser Auditorium in Leffler Chapel*

12/3 Friday

4pm: Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration @ *KAV in BSC*

12/5 Sunday

3pm: Sounds of the Season Choral Concert @ *Musser Auditorium in Leffler Chapel*

Inside the mind

A look at the restless mind of a student

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I feel exhausted but I still have three more assignments to go.

Have I eaten today?

The more I must read the less concentrated I become.

What day is it today again?

At least I still passed.

Making friends in college is easy is just now I have no time.

I really let myself believe that High School was as bad as it could get.

In the fight against sleep, sleep is always victorious.

I do not feel like myself, but who am I really?

There is a peacefulness in having no thoughts.

5 more minutes never hurt anybody.

Laughing is really the best medicine.

Those who can, make study guides those who cannot, Quizlet.

I am getting old aren't I?

I actually like this class.

Any sort of math, immediately no.

Real happiness lies within ice cream.

Maybe I do need an emotional support pet.

My computer's slow, would you look at that, 30 tabs open.

Not falling asleep in 8 a.m.'s is an extreme sport.

Microsoft Word absolutely hates me; that is not up for debate.

Having one class a day is a dangerous game against productivity.

The library is also known as my second home.

The mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell.

Why can't my phone have a battery that lasts forever?

Dear academic validation, I hate you.

I'm probably very dehydrated right now.

Midterms; Shark week pt.1

Reading for fun can be finally taken off my hobbies list.

Imposter syndrome my dear old friend please leave me alone.

No time to cry, just keep it rolling.

Walking around campus is within itself a workout. Good Job.

Finals; Shark week pt. 2

Eat your vegetables.

The school email should really come with a trigger warning.

Nothing like three research papers back-to-back.

When taking study breaks do not and repeat do not go on TikTok.

A cup of milk a day keeps the broken bones away.

Goodbye naps. Hello all-nighters.

Core courses are a form of security.

Pop Quizzes are a form of vengeance.

I can do this. I must do this for me.

Album review: "Red (Taylor's Version)"

Read about the album that is dominating social media and music platforms across the globe

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On Friday, Nov. 12, Taylor Swift released "Red (Taylor's Version)," which is a re-release of her fourth album "Red."

Swift opted to re-record her first six albums after the first record label that signed her, Big Machine Records, sold them to Ithaca Holdings for $300 million. As such, Scooter Braun was granted ownership of Swift's masters – the first recordings of her songs, which are then copied – until he sold the six albums to Shamrock Holdings in Nov. 2020.

Rather than earning an album for each new album she produced, Swift opted to sign onto a new record label, Republic Records, after Braun and former president of Big Machine Records Scott Borchetta denied Swift's allegations that she wasn't offered an opportunity to buy her masters.

With Republic Records, Swift has recorded three new albums – "Lover," "folklore" and "evermore" – and re-released "Fearless (Taylor's Version)" and now "Red (Taylor's Version)," which has allowed fans to hear vault tracks that were intended for the original album but didn't make the cut.

"Red" didn't slip away into a moment in time. In 2021, Swift became the owner of "Red (Taylor's Version)" and its masters after the re-release on Friday, Nov. 12.

"Red (Taylor's Version)" included "Ronan (Taylor's Version)," which was previously released as a single in honor of Swift's fan Ronan Thompson, a 4-year-old boy who died of neuroblastoma in 2011. Nine vault tracks were included on the album, including what is arguably Swift's most anticipated release: "All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)."

Two of the songs, "Better Man (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" and "Babe (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)," were previously recorded by country artists Little Big Town and Sugarland, respectively. Despite such, Swift's songs are distinct from Little Big Town and Sugarland, allowing fans to enjoy the differences between her songs and theirs.

My favorites from the original album were "The Last Time," "The Lucky One," "Come Back...Be Here" and "Girl At Home," which are only amplified by Swift's mature vocals on "Red (Taylor's Version)." Her songs age like fine wine, though there are audible differences, as expected.

The vault tracks on the album fill the blank space left by heartbreak. Of the nine vault tracks, "Better Man (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)," "I Bet You Think About Me (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)," "Forever Winter (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" and "The Very First Night (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" offer fans an opportunity to belt out the songs and finally embrace their heartache through Swift's country-pop era.

For fans of Swift's "1989" pop era, "Message in a Bottle (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)" is reminiscent of Swift's fifth album, which producers Max Martin and Shellback also worked on.

As for "All Too Well (10 Minute Version) (Taylor's Version) (From The Vault)," it showcases that this song is a masterpiece that can never be torn up. "All Too Well (Taylor's Version)," however, remains a classic as it showcases the artistry that Swift and co-writer Liz Taylor put into trimming down the song from 10 minutes to five minutes and 29 seconds.

Swift has four more albums to re-record, which are as follows: her self-titled debut album "Taylor Swift," "Speak Now," "1989" and "Reputation." Although Swift recently released "Red (Taylor's Version)," fans began to theorize about her next re-release. Based on Swift's infamous Easter eggs, fans theorize that Swift is alluding to a re-release of her third album "Speak Now" as a signed copy of "Red (Taylor's Version)" was listed in a purple-colored font for $20.10, which was the release year of "Speak Now," and she's worn purple in recent sightings.

To truly embrace your heartache, listen to "Red (Taylor's Version)," but just know that you may know a box of tissues all too well.

Red (Taylor's Version) Bingo

ADMIRE DYLAN O'BRIEN AND SADIE SINK	WATCH THE "ALL TOO WELL" SHORT FILM	ORDER "RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION)" MERCHANDISE	BELT OUT "ALL TOO WELL (10 MINUTE VERSION) (TAYLOR'S VERSION) (FROM THE VAULT)"	HATE ON JAKE GYLLENHAAL
FIND ALL FOUR TAYLOR SWIFT DISCOGRAPHY REFERENCES IN THE REVIEW	THINK OF A PAST LOVE WHILE LISTENING TO THE ALBUM	WATCH THE "I BET YOU THINK OF ME (TAYLOR'S VERSION)" MUSIC VIDEO	HATE ON SCOOTER BRAUN	LOOK UP THE AGE OF JAKE GYLLENHAAL'S CURRENT GIRLFRIEND
HATE ON SCOTT BORCHETTA	THEORIZE ABOUT THE NEXT RE-RELEASE	BLANK SPACE	WATCH TAYLOR SWIFT'S RECENT INTERVIEWS	WEAR RED IN HONOR OF "RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION)
TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT "RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION)"	ORDER A GRANDE CARAMEL NONFAT LATTE	PLAY A SONG FROM "RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION)" ON REPEAT	FEEL HAPPY, SAD, CONFUSED AND LONELY AT THE SAME TIME	KNOW A PACK OF TISSUES ALL TOO WELL
BELT A SONG FROM "RED (TAYLOR'S VERSION)"	RELATE TO NOTHING NEW (TAYLOR'S VERSION) (FROM THE VAULT)"	ADMIRE THE AUTUMN LEAVES FALLING DOWN LIKE PIECES INTO PLACE	RELATE TO "STAY STAY STAY (TAYLOR'S VERSION)"	EMBRACE THE UPCOMING WINTER SEASON WITH "FOREVER WINTER (TAYLOR'S VERSION) (FROM THE VAULT)

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Friends-giving EasyRecipes

Simple recipes to have at this year's Friends-giving feast

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Thanksgiving break is just around the corner and with it an abundance of food. Unfortunately, most college friends live far away and can't come over to enjoy each other's traditions. There's hope there, though, as you can easily make a quick Thanksgiving dinner between now and break. Or you can just wait until after the break.

The traditional Thanksgiving dinner includes mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and of course, turkey. Obviously, replace any of these with your classic dishes or add more. Consider Friends-giving as a time to allow your traditions to merge together.

For the turkey, go small if you're only having three or four friends eating. Giant does have a coupon for a free turkey if you're a part of the rewards program. No worries if you only do turkey breasts too as they are cheaper than a full turkey. No need to baste or brine the turkey unless you want to. Otherwise, make sure there's nothing in the cavity of the bird either full bird or breast. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Fill the cavity with spices like rosemary, thyme, pepper or fruits like apples and lemons. Put the turkey on a greased pan and brush some melted butter and herbs over the bird. Put the turkey in for roughly two hours, typically 13 minutes per pound of turkey.

For the mashed potatoes, you can go the easy route and use dehydrated potatoes from a box and add some garlic and chives to the mix to season it up. If you want to go classic, peel some russet potatoes and cut them into small pieces or chunks. The smaller the pieces are the easier the mashing is. Plop the potatoes into boiling water and wait til they are tender, but still firm, which should be about 15 minutes. While you wait, mix a cup of milk, three tablespoons of butter and some chives and garlic powder until the butter is melted. Drain the potatoes and slowly pour the milk-butter into the potatoes, mashing the potatoes and blending them together until smooth.

The stuffing is pretty similar to the mashed potatoes. You can buy a package of croutons made specifically for stuffing or you can break up some bread and dry it. Either way, pour the croutons into a baking dish. Add in some veggies like onions and celery and herbs like rosemary, sage and thyme as well as pepper and salt into a pan and saute the veggies. Once the vegetables are cooked, mix them into the baking dish. Pour in some chicken broth and melted butter. Stick the baking dish into a preheated oven at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes.

Green beans are fairly simple to make. You can pour the frozen green beans into a microwave-safe bowl and put an inch of water at the bottom. Cover the dish and put the dish into the microwave, zapping it for a few minutes. Of course, you can boil the green beans in salted water for a few minutes and drain them.

Last but not least: pumpkin pie. You can easily get a premade crust or make the crust yourself. Either way, you're gonna need canned pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and two eggs. Preheat the oven at 350 degrees F and combine the milk, pumpkin, the spices, eggs and salt in a bowl. Whisk until smooth and pour into the crust. Pop the pie into the oven for 35 minutes and let it cool. Obviously serve with dollops of whipped cream on top or with vanilla ice cream.

If you want to get fancy this Friends-giving, get some nice sparkling cider or sparkling grape juice to go with the dinner. Remember to be thankful for the friends you have and have fun making the dinner. It's best to make the dinner together and each contributes to the feast. Just don't set off any fire alarms!

Holiday Activities

How can you celebrate this holiday season off-campus?

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With the holidays and the end of the semester fast approaching, many students may be looking for ways to have fun with their friends before winter break. Although movies, card and board game nights and other activities are a great way to spend time with friends, what could be better than a holiday-themed activity to wrap up the fall semester? By venturing off-campus for some winter fun, students can get away from the stresses of schoolwork pileups and have some much-needed quality time with others.

One local and very popular option for students seeking an activity to put them in the holiday spirit is Hersheypark's Sweet Lights display. On select days from Nov. 12 to Jan. 2, Hersheypark will be offering tickets for cars to drive through their two-mile long trails decorated with hundreds of lights and displays. This is a great option to get a larger group of friends together for a cheaper price—a car of eight people or less costs anywhere from $22.15 to $39.15 depending on the date, which can be split among the group. Until Sunday, Nov. 20, there is also an online sale for 40 percent off tickets, which can further reduce costs (an important factor for college students).

For those who don't mind spending a bit more money and travel time, the Longwood Gardens Christmas display is another great option for a holiday adventure. When they reopen on Nov. 19, Longwood Gardens will be decorated with brand-new displays of lights and flowers perfect for the holidays. It may be getting colder, but students who dress warmly are sure to have a wonderful time walking around the gardens and seeing a carefully cultivated collection of plant life. Students can grab hot chocolate and cookies to eat while they wander and enjoy the company of their friends. However, the downside to this option is the price, which for college students who show I.D. at the door is $27 each. For that reason, this may be an outing suited for a smaller group of friends or couples looking to enjoy the quieter ambiance of the gardens. The price may be cheaper still for students who have a family member with a membership to Longwood Gardens and is able to come and bring the students along as guests, though there is a limited number of guests who would be allowed to attend on one member's pass.

Either way, it's obvious the holiday season and end of the semester is quickly approaching. While this time of year is a favorite to many, it can also be hard to leave friends over winter break. Holiday outings like those advertised by Hersheypark and Longwood Gardens may be expensive, but the memories made during these trips are well-worth the cost!

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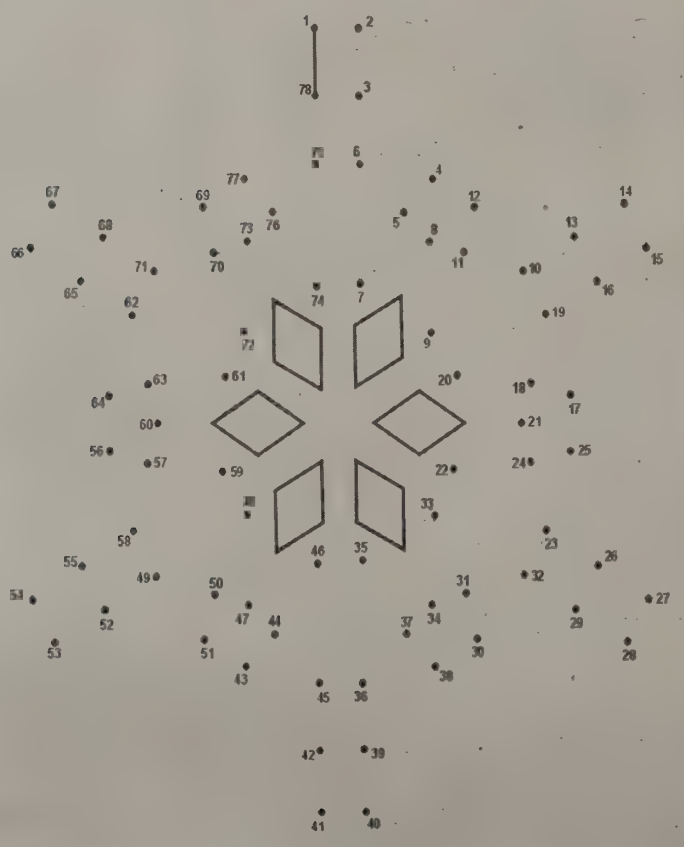
Holiday Jokes



Holiday Jokes

Snowy jokes to get you through the rest of the semester

1. What kind of Christmas music do elves like?
   Wrap music!
2. People act like the North Pole and the South Pole are exactly the sam, but really, there's a whole world of difference between them.
3. "The Tweleve Days of Christmas" is completely unrealistic. There is no way that you're still accepting gifts from someone after four days of birds.
4. What do you call a snowman with a six pack?
   An abdominal snowman!
5. What does the Gingerbread Man use to make his bed?
   Cookie Sheets!
6. What's a sheep's favorite Christmas song?
   Fleece Navidad!
7. What's red and white and falls down chimneys?
   Santa Klutz!
8. Why isn't the turkey hungry at Thanksgiving?
   Because he's already stuffed!
9. Why do pilgrims pants fall down?
   Because thier belts are on their hats!
10. If athletes get athletes foot, what do astronauts get?
    Missletoe!
11. Where do polar bears vote?
    The North Poll!

Men's Basketball beats Penn State Berks

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On Tuesday Nov. 9, in the Elizabethtown College Thompson Gym, the Etown men's basketball team scored more than 100 points for the first time since the 2010-11 season, as the Blue Jays prevailed over Penn State Berks, 102-64.

With the win, Etown starts the season with one win and no losses and the Nittany Lions fall to no wins and one loss.

102 points is the most points scored by the Blue Jays since Jan. 10, 2011 when Etown topped Rutgers-Camden, 108-65.

Senior Jalin Robinson led all scorers for Etown with 21 points. First-year Rance Russo scored 14 points, while teammate first-year Jadon Green scored 11 points. First-year Alon Gorham scored 10 points for the Blue Jays.

Junior Jeff Lorah paced Penn State Berks with 19 points.

Etown jumped out to an early lead in the first half of the game as senior Aidan Trynosky found Russo for the three for the 9-5 advantage. The Blue Jays continued to press as sophomore Tyreke Herbert stole the ball and started the break the other way. Gorham finished off the fast break with a layup and the 23-12 lead with 12:30 on the clock.

Etown continued to have a huge lead over the Nittany Lions, as Russo grabbed a rebound and found sophomore Jared Archer for a jump shot and the 19 point advantage, making the score 41-22 with Etown in the lead. With just over five and a half minutes to play in the opening half. Herbert made one final three point shot at the buzzer to give the Blue Jays a 58-31 lead going into the locker room.

It was more of the same in the second half as Herbert drained a jumper in the paint to move in front by 40 points, making the score 73-33 with 10 minutes and 48 seconds left in the game.

Etown continued to dominate, pushing its lead to as many as 44 to take the season opener 102-64. Green highlighted the final stretch of the game, throwing down two thunderous dunks to put an exclamation point on the win.

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Men's swim team beats Stevenson College

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The Elizabethtown College men's swim team dominated the struggling Stevenson Mustangs on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Etown's Alumni Pool. Etown won 10 of 13 events in a meet that ended 186-46.

The men's team improves to 3-2 on the year after the victory, while Stevenson moves down to 1-5. Etown won both of the relay events, sweeping the men's 200-yard medley relay, and won eight of the 10 individual events.

The meet was destined to be an Etown victory, as Stevenson has an extremely small team and some of the races were uncontested for the Blue Jays.

"Stevenson is not a large team and even though we raced some of the events uncontested, our athletes still put up a strong showing racing their teammates," head coach Melissa Rohrer said.

Stevenson's men's team is a team of just five, and three of the five are freshmen. On the other hand, Etown has a full roster of 21 athletes.

Despite the lack of competition, the Blue Jays showed what they were capable of on Saturday afternoon.

The young first-year class continued to dominate the pool, winning six of the 10 individual events. First-year Franky Swain seemed unbeatable in the backstroke as he won both the men's 50-yard backstroke and the men's 100-yard backstroke. Similarly, first-year Connor Oswald won both of the breaststroke events.

Additionally, first-years Zain Wegman and AJ West won events for the Blue Jays.

"The freshman class is a strong group, and they bring much enthusiasm to the team. I am looking forward to seeing them continue to improve throughout their time here," Rohrer said when asked about how the freshman class has helped the team succeed.

Sophomore Dylan Fitzgerald won the men's 200-yard freestyle and junior Kale Decker won the 500-yard freestyle.

"We are at a point in the training cycle where we are working very hard at practices and can get very tired during the week, so it was encouraging to see that, despite that, we were still able to put up fast times," Rohrer said.

The upcoming practices will begin to get less intense as the Blue Jays are preparing for the Gettysburg Invitational in three weeks. The Blue Jays have raced in this event before in the 2019-2020 season and had an unfortunate showing, finishing in last place. However, this Elizabethtown team seems to be stronger and should put up a good fight in the event.

Next week, the team will stay at home and take on the Catholic University Cardinals, which will be the second conference meet of the season. The Cardinals are currently 2-1 and have a full roster, unlike Stevenson. The Cardinals have beat the Blue Jays every time in the past five years, but the Blue Jays strong first-year class is looking to change that. You can catch the meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Alumni Pool.

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Women's cross country places in top 50 at NCAA

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On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Elizabethtown College women's cross country team traveled to Newville, Pa. to participate in their 16th consecutive regional meet. The Blue Jays had an all-region performer, sophomore Kelty Oaster, at the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional at Big Spring High School. Etown took 9th at the meet with 271 points.

Oaster, a First Team all-conference runner at the Landmark Championships, kept that streak alive for the Blue Jays. The sophomore finished 16th overall in 24 minutes and 3.9 seconds to earn the all-region honors.

Juniors Bridget Kennedy and Madison Webber were both among the top 50 runners. Kennedy was 42nd and Webber took 50th.

First-year Amanda Kauffman was 72nd in her first regional meet for Etown. Senior Brooklyne Wiley finished out the scoring for Etown with a 103rd-place finish.

Isabel Cardi of Dickinson won the meet and Johns Hopkins earned the regional championship.

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Women's basketball scores 1100th win

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On Saturday Nov. 13 in Lancaster Pa., the Elizabethtown College women's basketball team defeated Haverford College. Four members of the Etown team reached double figures in a 66-57 win over Haverford on the first day of the Terry Greene Memorial Tournament at Franklin & Marshall. Graduate student Veronica Christ and teammate first-year DaniRae Renno led the way with 17 points each. The win was also victory number 1,100 in program history for Etown, who became just the second women's program in Division III to reach the milestone (Husson).

Sophomore Cyleigh Wilson and Christ carried the Blue Jays through the first quarter as each player recorded eight points apiece and Etown (2-0) took a 20-13 lead into the second quarter.

Renno put up nine of her 17 points in the second quarter, accounting for nearly half of Etown's points in the period. Wilson knocked down the team's lone three-point field goal of the quarter and paced the Jays into halftime with a team-high 11 points. Etown led 38-28 at the break.

Etown shot 75 percent in the third, 8 for 12, and evenly spread out the scoring. Christ had five while sophomores Jessica King and Emily Prowell along with Renno each added four.

Haverford (1-1) grabbed eight offensive rebounds in the final quarter and ended up 12 more shot attempts than the Blue Jays in the fourth, but the Fords only shot 25 percent from the floor, including 0-for-7 from three-point range. Though Etown only scored nine in the quarter, their defense and foul shooting wrapped up the 1,100th win.

Elizabethtown hit 19-of-26 free throws while Haverford finished 7-of-14 from the foul line.

Renno recorded her second straight double-double after hauling down 13 rebounds, Wilson had 13 and a pair of scored shots, and Prowell hit double digits with 10 points on 5-for-7 shooting. Christ also had eight boards for Etown.

The women's basketball team will host Alvernia University on Nov .20.

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Personal health and fitness: Benefits of a healthy diet

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Being active and exercising frequently are both important parts of a healthy and fit life. However, the proper diet can take one's personal health and fitness to the next level. It is often said that weight loss starts in the kitchen. Meaning that just working out alone will not yield the best results but working out and choosing the right foods can be much more effective. The opposite is also true, however. Maintaining a healthy weight and staying fit has as much to do with diet as it does exercise.

As college students, it is tempting to simply walk through the cafeteria and pick up a big and unhealthy serving of whatever looks appetizing at the time. This is not the best course of action when trying to maintain a healthy body though. A healthy diet needs to have adequate proportions of a variety of things. A balanced diet should contain:

Protein: red meat, fish, chicken, dairy products, eggs, beans and nuts.

Healthy fats: ground flaxseeds, avocados, oils, nuts.

Carbohydrates: starchy vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans.

Vitamins: A, B, C, D, E and K

Minerals: calcium, potassium, zinc, folate, magnesium and iron.

Water: it is easy to forget to drink water on a daily basis but it helps with more things than most individuals realize. Calorie control, hydration, skin and muscle health and vital organ functions all benefit from an increased intake of water.

Minimizing the amount of sugar that is consumed can also play a large factor in health and fitness. High fructose corn syrup is also a very unhealthy alternative to natural sugar that can be found in many kinds of processed foods. Steering clear from high fructose corn syrup can be extremely beneficial as well. Because it is used so heavily, the easiest way to avoid it is to say no to highly processed foods.

When meals are eaten also plays a role in health. Breakfast should be the largest meal of the day and take place around 8:00 a.m. followed by a medium sized lunch around noon. A healthy snack in the afternoon around 3:00 p.m. is acceptable but too many snacks can ruin a diet quickly. Dinner should be eaten between 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. but should be the lightest meal of the day.

Many factors play a role in a healthy and fit lifestyle. Avoiding the wrong foods and consuming the right ones is a great start. From there, make sure to be consuming a variety of healthy foods and eating correct portions. Eliminate unnecessary snacking, especially after dinnertime and be sure to drink ample amounts of water. It is not easy to maintain such a healthy and struct diet, but the rewards for doing so far outweigh the inconveniences of doing so.

Video game review: 90 Minute Fever

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This game is new, and it is supposed to be exciting. Enter the world of "90 Minute Fever," a soccer game in which you can create and customize your own club team, sign and develop your players and compete against other managers in a persistent online world. You can build your legacy by winning games. The goal of this game is to become the best team.

There are several modes for this game, including live interactive matches, national teams and even a mode for skill based gameplay. There are other modes to this game, but play "90 Minute Fever" to find out what those additional features are. The game came out in 2016, so you can find it on any website that sells video games.

There are a few modes to explore: in Live Interactive Matches, you can play a full 90-minute game of soccer as the coach or manager. You can watch the game play without having to worry about pre-simulations. You can make substitutions and other changes during the game and watch how those changes affect your team as the game progresses. This challenge is meant for you to see who has the better tactical knowledge or who can play the best game of soccer: you or your opponent.

Not only do you get the opportunity to play matches against someone else in a club style match, but this game also allows you to play soccer games at the national level and compete for the world cup. Once you are ready, you can take your team to the National Leagues, and compete against other favorite teams, such as Barcelona or Madrid, for example. Before you get to the national level though, there is an additional mode with which you can practice.

There is a mode called Skill Based Gameplay. This is a skill-based game in which you need to play games over a long period of time to gain experience. In this game, you can start out by playing teams that are a fair match against your skill level, or a little better, so you can get practice. Think of this mode as the practice mode with additional features. Some of the additional features this mode offers is that there are no microtransactions boosts of any kind, so you can practice as much or as little as you want, and get better without having to worry about spending money for more potential team upgrades.

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School of EMCS honored by diversity program

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The ASEE awarded Etown's School of EMCS for inclusive excellence.

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Last December, Elizabethtown College's School of Engineering, Math and Computer Science (EMCS) was honored by the American Society for Engineering Education's (ASEE) Diversity Recognition Program. Etown won the award for inclusive excellence in the bronze category. Only nine institutions nationwide won the award, and Etown was the only college or university recognized in Pennsylvania.

This prestigious award is given annually to a small number of schools. According to the ASEE website, "Inclusive excellence is both about doing things right (achieving a competitive advantage as well as reflecting demographic imperatives), and doing the right thing (achieving social justice goals)."

There are multiple levels of criteria that the ASEE considered while choosing institutions to get the bronze award. This includes the Dean signing the ASEE Deans Diversity Pledge, the college having a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan with an implementation timeline, a set of goals set for demographics of both students and faculty and the college being dedicated to measure the goals of plan implementation.

As of December 2021, Etown EMCS has met all of these criteria and achieved Bronze Status. The School of EMCS' bronze status will be valid until December 2024, at which point the College can apply to move up to the silver level.

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McCormick announces resignation as president

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On Monday, Jan. 3 the Elizabethtown College campus community received an email from the Board of Trustees announcing that Cecilia McCormick was resigning as the College's president after 2.5 years in the role. Her resignation was effective Dec. 31, 2021.

McCormick cited her desire to focus on her personal and family life as well as the unprecedented pressure and time commitments required by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am proud of the work we have done to keep our college community safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, like so many others among us, the pandemic has also reinforced for me the importance of prioritizing what's most important in our lives. As we start a new year, and with the college on strong footing, I believe this is the right decision for me and my family," McCormick said in a statement.

The Board went on to say that Vice-Chair Mike Wheeler will lead the next national presidential search process, expecting it to take several months to complete. The email ended with a commitment to a smooth transition, transparency and updates to the community as they develop.

After the announcement, the Jays App exploded as students reacted to the news. Several made jokes about running for president while others posted custom memes, garnering dozens of likes and comments.

Over two weeks later, on Tuesday, Jan. 18 the Board sent another email to the Etown community announcing Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs (SVPAA) Dr. Betty Rider as the College's transitional president. Rider's new role is effective immediately.

From a faculty perspective, Rider was prepared for the presidential role, as the faculty handbook states that the Provost-SVPAA would act as president in the president's absence, including a resignation. She had previously attended events on McCormick's behalf.

Rider expects to stay in the role for the next 18 months through this semester and the 2022-2023 academic year. She explained that the presidential search process will take much longer than six months, so the Board would not appoint a new president for Fall 2022. In addition, an institution would not hire in the middle of the academic year, so the committee is looking to hire for Fall 2023.

Despite being the "transitional" president, Rider maintains the same responsibilities as a permanent president. She will continue to work with the Senior Leadership Team and implement the Etown community's five-year Strategic Plan.

"We wanted to go with the title of transitional president rather than interim president to show that I'm not just keeping the seat warm. The Board, the Senior Leadership Team and I will continue moving forward with launching the plan," Rider said in an interview.

Courtesy of Etown Campus News

Rider has been working at the College in some capacity for over 30 years.

Rider plans to meet with the Board sometime in February to review progress and discuss if anyone wants to tweak the strategic plan.

The Board also named Vice President of Finance and Strategy Gerald "Jerry" Silberman as Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance. Rider was satisfied with this development, and she praised Silberman's work regarding budgeting and finance while on the Senior Leadership Team. But Silberman's promotion and Rider's new role now leaves their former positions vacant, and she confirmed that another transition plan needs to be figured out.

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The College adapts to the omicron variant

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Elizabethtown College has quickly adapted its procedures to combat the COVID-19 omicron variant. After a week delay of the spring semester, it implemented return-to-campus guidelines that staggered student move-ins over three days.

Upon arrival to campus, all students, regardless of vaccination status, were subject to surveillance testing to quell the surge of the virus. However, individuals were advised to self-administer tests before returning to campus.

According to the COVID-19 Taskforce, "Throughout the re-entry testing provided by the College on Jan. 15 through 17, 19 students tested positive for COVID-19...53 students tested positive for COVID-19 between [Jan.] 9 through 14 and returned after their isolation period. 168 students reported having tested positive for COVID-19 between Dec. 26 and Jan. 8, which contributed to the College's decision to delay the start of the spring semester by one week."

If a student received a positive result during the scheduled testing, he or she was not permitted to quarantine in Royer; the individual had to either return home or to a different off-campus location, not attending in-person classes.

First-year student Amelia Wittmaier expressed disapproval regarding the College's testing procedures upon arrival.

"It was a little suspicious because [the staff] made you test yourself, so it kind of seemed like students could fake it, so what's the point if the chances of a false negative are so high?" she questioned.

Having the staff administer the test would have better ensured the safety of the campus community, Wittmaier argues, further saying, "I would've known that every student [test] would be more accurate and that someone couldn't just fake it."

However, the College took additional steps to stop the spread of the variant by restricting family members from entering the residence halls during the move-in process. Only new students and students with ADA accomodations could have two guests after completing a mandatory health screening.

"I don't think this was [necessary] because the only people my parents would have interacted with was me.

Courtesy of Matthew Price

Students arriving on campus had to get tested for COVID-19 in Leffler Chapel before officially moving in.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Living a second digital life using virtual reality might have seemed like a distant dream a few years ago, but new technology is being developed to create the Metaverse. Earlier this year, Microsoft cited the Metaverse as a reason to purchase the game developer Activision Blizzard for $70 billion. Other companies are pushing out novel devices to win the technological turf war.

The Metaverse is a virtual space where people can interact with their friends, shop for outfits and anything else they can do in real life. We would be our digital avatars, and all our interactions will be online. For it to be fully realistic, virtual reality is being used in an attempt to immerse the user in a 3D world.

Matthew Ball, a venture capitalist, announced that the Metaverse is the new technological wave following the cell phones wave and will play a significant role in our future lives. "It's about being within the computer rather than accessing the computer," Ball said. "It's about being always online rather than always having access to an online world."

People may wonder if the Metaverse is new at all, since it exists in some form in video games. However, in comparison to the technology expected to be used for the Metaverse, videogames present only the preliminary software. Technologists have said that due to faster internet connections and more advanced gaming devices, the Metaverse will be unlike anything else seen in gaming.

An important point is that the market is there for people looking to invest in growing technologies. In games that roughly resemble what the Metaverse may look like, such as "Fortnite," people are spending hundreds of dollars on outfits and additions to their digital avatars. Investments are undoubtedly going to start pouring in for such promising markets.

Although there is a lot of talk about the Metaverse, the technology is still young. Activision Blizzard's work with the Metaverse has been rudimentary and only includes games where users spend hours building communities by interacting with other users. Microsoft has also begun developing technologies relating to the Metaverse. This is especially promising as Microsoft is the developer of HoloLens, a $3,500 headset that shows virtual holograms. It is also the owner of Xbox, which is expected to start developing technologies related to virtual reality soon.

However, there is a lot of concern in terms of privacy and security of users when engaging in the Metaverse. Technologies like virtual reality headsets collect more information about us than traditional screens can. There are almost no protections stopping the government from using virtual reality headsets to collect body-related data.

Electronic Frontier Foundation, a digital rights advocacy group, and the Extended Reality Safety Initiative, a nonprofit organization that develops standards on virtual reality usage, have sounded serious alarms about the uncontrollable growth of this technology.

"In some respects, a 3D headset is not really any different than a 3D monitor," director of technology projects at Electronic Frontier Foundation Jon Callas said. "But then there are other things being done that could be extraordinarily intrusive.

With a lot of personal information being already gathered about us online without our knowledge, virtual reality threatens to add fuel to the fire. Although new technologies may seem exciting at first, we need to tread carefully and establish policies and standards to help protect users' privacy, on the internet and beyond, in the Metaverse.

EMCS PAGE 1

ASEE awards Etown EMCS for diversity efforts

After three years at the silver level, the school can then move up to the gold level, which is the highest level of recognition and the hardest to achieve.

"At the Bronze Level, it means that we intentionally implement known best practices, and that we have a good foundation, good momentum,and a good plan for benchmarking, monitoring and improving in areas of diversity and inclusion, but we are not where we ultimately want to be. We need to do better, and we have a plan for how to get there," School of EMCS Dean and associate professor of engineering Dr. Sara Atwood said.

Previously, the School of EMC only had a department chair, and was not eligible to join the ASEE's Engineering Dean's Council. However, since the school has recently switched to Deans, Atwood was able to join the council. Around two weeks before the deadline, Atwood got an email about the award, and knew that Etown met the criteria. She worked together with Dean of Students and Executive Director of College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez and pulled together the application before the deadline.

Much of the application was able to build off of the school's Strategic Plan and CIC plan. There was a lot of data from the past three years that needed to be reported, such as the percentage of individuals from marginalized groups included in students, faculty and staff in the school. Graduation rates of marginalized student groups were also compared to the majority group's graduation rate.

The School of EMCS has also decided to include 5 items to measure belonging on the end-of-course IDEAs as additional questions. All of these efforts are unique, and helped the School of EMCS achieve Bronze Status.

Atwood said, "As a woman in engineering, I've certainly experienced some of the challenges of being a historically marginalized identity in the field, so it means a lot to lead a School where we are committed to creating a culture of belonging, and be recognized for it... It's truly unique that our faculty in EMCS are so diverse, with a much larger percentage of women and Latino faculty than is typically seen in our fields. I hope our presence provides strong role models for our students." In late February, there will be a recognition ceremony in New Orleans for all schools that achieved bronze status.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

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Pennsylvania is garnering national attention and media coverage as the midterm elections come into view. The Democratic Senate majority in Washington, D.C. hopes to maintain control over the chamber after the 2022 midterm elections. The race to replace retiring Republican Senator Pat Toomey may provide the pivotal seat for the balance of power in the Senate.

The race for the Democratic nomination has largely been dominated by two candidates: Pennsylvania's Lt. Governor John Fetterman, a progressive populist, has a clear lead on name recognition throughout the Commonwealth. Early fundraising numbers through January 2022 also show Fetterman with a sizable advantage over other Democrats in the field.

Congressman Conor Lamb, a moderate Democrat representing constituencies North and West of Pittsburgh, is competing with Fetterman as the frontrunner for the nomination. Lamb has the experience of defeating Trump-endorsed opponents in key congressional races. This experience may be what Pennsylvania Democrats need in a state that saw President Joe Biden edge out Donald Trump by just over one percent in the 2020 General Election.

Malcolm Kenyatta, a progressive state representative from Philadelphia, and Val Arkoosh, a doctor who chairs the Montgomery County Commission, are also notable names amongst the Democratic field.

The Pennsylvania Democratic Party committee failed to endorse any candidate at their meeting on Jan. 29th. Lamb finished in first place amongst the candidates, receiving 60 percent of the vote. Lamb fell just short of the two-thirds needed for the state party endorsement.

On the Republican side, a familiar face of television has entered the race for the party's nomination. Dr. Mehmet Oz, best known as Dr. Oz to TV audiences, led the most recent poll by the Trafalgar Group in December. However, in the latest Central GOP straw poll held on Jan. 15 in Harrisburg, Oz failed to reach within the top two contenders in the polls held by party activists.

Jeff Bartos, a real estate developer from Montgomery County, won the GOP straw poll held by the Republican State Committee Central Caucus. Bartos is relying on a heavy grassroots ground campaign saying, "This campaign is focused on saving Main Street, Pennsylvania." Bartos has been critical of fellow Republican candidates that are not known for their Pennsylvania ties, referring to Oz, McCormick and Sands as "political tourists."

The most recent addition to the Republican field, former hedge fund executive David McCormick, kicked off his campaign in Lehigh County on Jan. 25th with a rally joined by Texas Republican Senator Ted Cruz. McCormick has been critical of the Biden Administration's handling of foreign and economic affairs. Although being the newcomer into the race, McCormick won the GOP straw poll held in the southwestern region of the state.

Activist Kathy Barnette finished in a strong second place within the Central Caucus GOP straw poll. Barnette, a former professor and political commentator, ran a campaign for Congress last year on the backs of the Second Amendment and school choice policies. If nominated and elected, Barnette would become the first Black, female senator in Pennsylvania history.

Other notable names within the crowded Republican field include Carla Sands, the Former U.S. Ambassador to Denmark under Trump, Sean Gale, a Montgomery County attorney, Martin Rosenfeld, a former deputy sheriff and George Bochetto, a Philadelphia-based attorney. Each received some support in recent party polling.

Former President Donald Trump has refrained from backing any candidate after his first endorsement, Sean Parnell, withdrew from the race amid a growing personal scandal. Sources around the former President say that he is likely to endorse a candidate once a clear frontrunner has been established in the race. This is leaving the state party to scramble to not endorse a candidate that may be at odds with Trump once that endorsement is distributed.

With more than 30 candidates in total vying for their party's nomination during the 2022 Primary Elections on May 17th, it is anyone's guess who will be representing each side in the 2022 Midterm Elections in November. However, this race will be closely watched around the country, as it is looking increasingly probable that Pennsylvania will determine the balance of power for the Senate during the 118th Congress.

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COVID causes delay of spring 2022 semester

Even if they would have interacted with other people, they would have worn their masks in the building and only be passing people for way under 15 minutes," Wittmaier stated.

Although Wittmaier would have preferred that guests could have assisted her during move-in, she expressed that she was grateful for her friends and other Etown residents that helped each other during the process.

Aside from move-in precautions, the College continues to require students to wear a mask inside campus buildings, suggesting on its website, "N95 masks are recommended as they provide the best protection against transmission of COVID-19. Face shields, single layer masks, and masks with exhalation valves are not recommended."

The COVID-19 Taskforce maintains that masks play an integral role in limiting the spread of the virus.

"We believe our campus community has done an excellent job adhering to our masking requirements and that is a contributing factor to the relatively low positivity rate on our campus compared to others," they stated.

The College is not mandating the vaccine at this time. However, the COVID-19 Taskforce emphasized, "Members of the COVID-19 Task Force and Senior Leadership Team continue to revisit the vaccine mandate as an option and should any changes to the policy be made, it will be communicated well in advance to the campus community so accommodations could be made."

PRESIDENT PAGE 1

Betty Rider becomes transitional president

Another new development is that Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez has joined the Senior Leadership Team.

"I'm very pleased that Nichole is now included on the team. She will provide important perspectives from student life, which I already witnessed during this morning's meeting, as we work to implement the five-year strategic plan," Rider said.

Regarding the presidential search committee, Rider explained that it is still too early in the process to have determined who exactly will be part of it. However, she guaranteed that students, faculty, staff and alumni "will have a voice" during the process. The College's Leadership Council will act as a sounding board and provide advice throughout the process.

After a new president is chosen, Rider mused that she had a few possibilities for her future. Even though she has been out of the classroom for a long time, she is considering returning to teach psychology here at Etown. But she wants to keep her future open-ended for now.

"I couldn't imagine working or teaching anywhere else but Etown. I've been at the College for over 30 years because the students and employees are just great," she declared.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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Recently, tensions between Russia and Ukraine have been rising due to the presence of Russian soldiers at the border of the two countries. At least 100,000 soldiers have gathered there, despite warnings from the U.S. and several European countries. U.S. officials fear that a Russian invasion of Ukraine could happen as soon as a couple months from now.

Russia and Ukraine have a long history of conflict. Russian president Vladimir Putin claims that Russians and Ukrainians are one people, which Ukrainians soundly reject. Ukraine has continuously rejected Russian control and instead made efforts to join the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Putin is against NATO influence and balks at the possibility of NATO bases in Ukraine.

In 2014, the Ukrainian public successfully toppled pro-Russia president Viktor Yanukovych after months of protests. Yanukovych had suspended talks in late 2013 about a landmark political and trade deal between Ukraine and the EU, which ignited often violent protests in the capital Kyiv.

However, Putin retaliated severely. In March 2014, he annexed the southeastern Ukrainian territory Crimea under the excuse that he was defending the interests of the territory's Russian-speaking citizen. Russia completed the annexation in a few days after thousands of soldiers poured into the territory. The Crimean Peninsula is now connected to mainland Russia via road bridge, further solidifying its occupation. Ukraine and most of the world declared the annexation as illegitimate.

That same year Russian-backed separatists took control of two of Ukraine's regions that border Russia, Donetsk and Luhansk. The separatists instituted an authoritarian regime complete with the death penalty and concentration camps where political dissidents were tortured and executed.

These conflicts in 2014 killed a reported 13,000 people and displaced millions. Violence could happen again on an even larger scale concerningly soon.

However, Putin denies that Russia is planning on invading Ukraine claiming that the troop movements that the U.S. and NATO called "unusual" along the border and Crimea are no cause for concern.

On the other hand, Ukrainians are ready to fight if the conflict escalates, with the country being stronger militarily and morally than in 2014. Putin is also threatened by NATO's support of Ukraine and wants legal agreements that would prevent further NATO expansion towards Russia's borders. As for the timing, it is theorized that Putin wants to boost his dwindling approval rates (which tanked due to economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic) by reigniting a conflict and increasing communication with the West.

Ukraine argues that it does not need Moscow's approval to build closer ties with NATO. It also accuses its neighbor of purposely provoking the current conflict. NATO warns that an invasion will have severe consequences for Russia including sanctions and political restrictions. However, Ukraine is still not a NATO member, so it does not have guaranteed security measures.

U.S. President Joe Biden has been unclear of what the U.S.'s response would be if Russia invaded Ukraine. He told Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky that the U.S. "will respond decisively if Russia further invades Ukraine." However, he then claimed that a "minor incursion" on Russia's part would elicit a more restrained response than a full-scale invasion while implying that Western nations are not on the same page about how to respond if such an incursion were to take place.

The White House quickly clarified that any movement of Russian troops into Ukrainian territory "will be met with a swift, severe and united response from the United States and our Allies."

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Jan. 27 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with a special order, to swear in one new representative for the Class of 2024, Jamie Hallman.

Administrative reports began with Dean of Students and Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez, who reported on the campus climate survey being sent out to the student body. The survey is open for completion for three weeks.

Director of Housing and Residence Life Jenn Azevedo, reported that Resident Assistants are currently working to complete occupancy reports, to ensure that the correct students are living in the correct rooms. Azevedo also reminded students that the ADA housing accommodation paperwork is due Feb. 1.

A few questions were raised about housing, in regards to spring break, in which Azevedo is hoping to get more information soon.

Associate Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Darcey Mills, reported that he is currently working on putting together programs for Women's History Month.

In the interest of time, the new business of the Career Clothing Closet presentation was moved up.

Executive Cabinet Treasurer Kyle Cappucci, Finance Committee Vice-Chair Jared Beachy and Director of Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) Javita Thompson went through the Career Clothing Closet proposal that consisted of explaining how Student Senate would be able to partner with the CCCE office to create a place where students would be able to get business professional clothes, at no cost to them.

The logistics of this project have not yet been finalized, but funds for this project would come from the Student Senates budget for concrete projects.

Moving into executive cabinet reports, Executive Cabinet Security Jalen Belgrave announced that three articles will be presented during the executive session. Belgrave also updated that he will be tabling the newsletter idea while revisions to the Constitution are being worked on.

Cappucci reported that the Finance Committee met and approved club start-up funding for both the Women's Club Soccer team and the National Science Teaching Association.

Advocacy and Service Committee Chair Madison Holmberg reported that the committee is beginning to meet with classes to have them present their advocacy projects. The committee will then meet to vote to approve the advocacy projects.

Moving into class updates, Class of 2025 President Isaac Kraenbring reported that they passed amendments for their class Constitution and that they did some restructuring for their sub-committee.

Class of 2024 President Madison Holmberg reported that a few representatives will be meeting with Cappucci to discuss an idea for a concrete project that would tie in with the class's advocacy project of sustainability.

Class of 2023 President Brooke Charria reported that the class is continuing to work with their class advocacy project of blind grading. Charria also reported that they are planning to begin selling Junior-Senior tickets next month.

Class of 2022 President Nicole Greiner reported that the class is moving forward with getting to put out the Blue Jay Barrier Buster.

Under new business was a discussion about how to get the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to be more engaged. Senators discussed things they would like to see from the SLT, which included more updates on what they are actually doing, retention rates of students and what the administration is doing to help students stay once they get to Etown, and having conversations about ways to improve the dorm halls.

The meeting was then moved into an executive session.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.

Nonviolence discussion encourages peace

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On Friday, Jan. 28 2022, Elizabethtown College held a discussion on the power of nonviolent principles, led by Rev. Amy Shorner-Johnson. This talk was part of the Beloved Community Collectives series.

The idea of the "Beloved Community" comes from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He saw it as the end goal of nonviolent boycotts. It is the ideal of reconciliation and goodwill between people that will bring us all closer together. The talks included in this series all revolved around understanding each other and the world around us, striving for the goal of unity.

Shorner-Johnson explained King's six principles of nonviolence. She also discussed other nonviolent leaders and movements over time– all of this helped show how these principles are impactful today.

Shorner-Johnson chose to speak on this topic because she saw a chance to add to the discussion of coming together as a community. As someone in religious life, she sees these principles reflected, but she also knows that it encompasses more than just one religious view.

"A lot of people follow nonviolence because of their leadership, their willingness to suffer, their willingness to engage folks in the long term," she said. "I think it incorporates a lot of spiritual principles broadly."

Although the talk was on the power of nonviolence, Shorner-Johnson acknowledged the impact violent movements have had in the past as well. The question of "Who do I want to be at the end of this?" shapes her views on how people enact change.

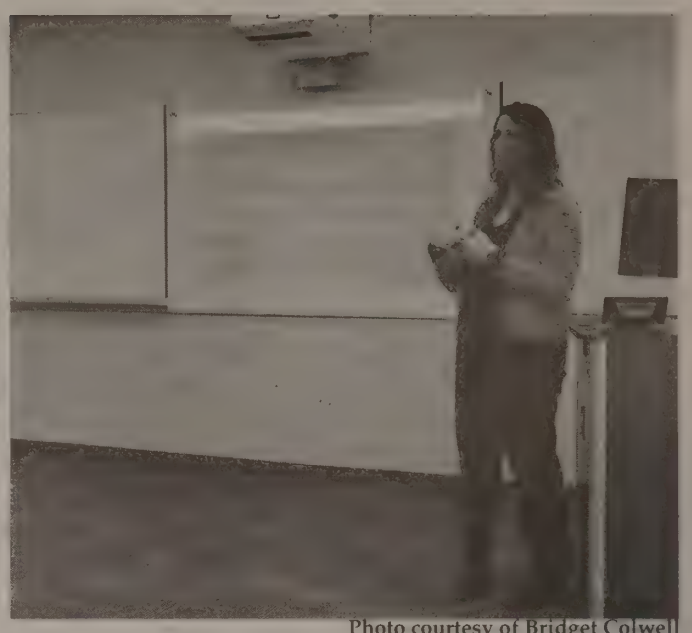
"I think this [nonviolence] is something that has to be really well practiced. It is a lot of internal work," she said. "I think either way, you are taking a risk. The question then is, 'What risks do we have if things stay the same?'"

Nonviolence may not have the same immediate impression we see with violence, but it actually has been more effective than violent ways of creating change. Shorner-Johnson explained that anger can be good if used correctly and not just in reactionary ways.

"If anger is not just a response to the threats that are in front of us, but it is an invitation for change, then what are you willing to do in order to ask for that change?" Shorner-Johnson said.

In general, nonviolence is about having the courage to fight injustices and take on suffering in the name of peace. It may seem bigger than just daily life, but our little actions are steps in the right direction for change.

"I think whether or not people choose to use these principles, they are worthwhile knowing because how we respond to issues of injustice is critical to how we learn to live together in this world," Shorner-Johnson said. "It will be better if we've at least engaged the questions more deeply."



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Rev. Amy Shorner-Johnson discusses the necessity for nonviolent principles. This talk was inspired by Dr. King, Jr.

Nonviolence and the Beloved Community were two of King's visions. This talk, and the others of this series, took on King's vision and brought it to students in accessible ways.

"They are all about the complex ways that we can work together, that we can address not what's just bubbling at the surface, but what's going on underneath," Shorner-Johnson said. "Hopefully we can slowly address some of the things that we are awakening to, both in ourselves… and in the larger work of justice."

Shorner-Johnson tries to embody the King's ideals in her daily work.

"I love the idea of Beloved Community. It asks the question, 'What does it take for somebody else to belong in this community if they are very different than me?' I think that is the only way that we are going to move forward."

Students learn a dorm friendly recipe

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The Elizabethtown College Bowers Center Demonstration Kitchen hosted Res Hall Recipes, an exciting, food-filled event for students on Thursday, Jan. 28. The Demonstration Kitchen entertains various functions, including cooking classes and nutrition-based discussions. On this occasion, Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) employee Gabriella Stawinski taught attendees how to make peanut butter energy bites (protein bites), a dorm-friendly recipe while distributing samples of the finished product.

Stawinski placed all ingredients on the table, allowing attendees to see the products. After noting any allergy restrictions, she began to describe the recipe's process. While Stawinski was explaining, students watched, casually nibbling on the sample snacks.

Stawinski described her thoughts behind demonstrating this recipe. She wanted to show an easily assembled snack while considering the students' living situations. Focusing on inclusivity and different cooking comfort levels, Stawinski decided to make the protein bites.

"I decided to make these because they are very easy to make in a dorm room. You do not need any special appliances. If you have access to a bowl and some spoons you can create this recipe," Stawinski explained.

Stawinski has taught at other Demonstration Kitchen events while working for SWAG. She enjoys helping students learn new cooking skills and exciting recipes.

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SWAG employee Gabriella Stawinski teaches a demonstration class. She showed attendees how to make peanut butter energy bites (protein bites).

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"I really enjoy running Res Hall Recipes because it helps people become motivated to learn how to cook and make food for themselves. Everyone must start somewhere and making food does not have to be complicated…I hope that the attendees will learn that making healthy snacks can be easy and that there are endless ways to customize this recipe," Stawinski said.

Res Hall Recipe attendee and junior occupational therapy student Kate Santangelo enjoyed Stawinski's demonstration. She explained how she was excited to learn this enticing recipe.

"I attended this event because the recipe sounded delicious. Also, I love trying out new recipes and learning how to make new foods, so this sounded like the perfect opportunity for that," Santangelo said.

Santangelo described her happiness about the event. In addition to having an enjoyable snack, she explained how Stawinski discussed helpful recipe alternatives.

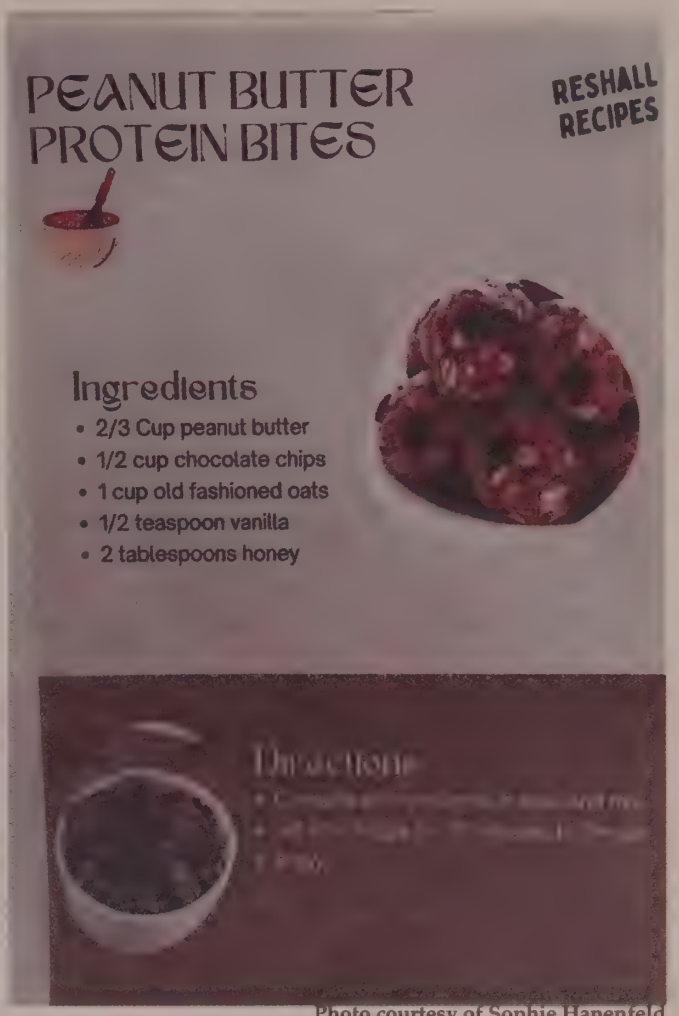
"I not only learned how to make a delicious snack, but [Stawinski] also taught me about easy substitutions I can make to make my favorite foods a bit healthier and filling…My favorite part of the event was taste testing the peanut butter energy bites. I absolutely loved them and will definitely be making them in the future," Santangelo said.

Santangelo hopes that students will consider joining future Demonstration Kitchen events. She explained the useful tools one can learn, particularly while in college living space.

"I would definitely encourage others to attend events hosted by the demo kitchen. The recipes they select for their food demos are always super easy to make for anyone with any level of cooking skills. Also, they select a variety of recipes to accommodate different living situations. For example, the recipe from this event doesn't require any kitchen appliances and can be made in a dorm room! But they also have demos for recipes that utilize a stove or oven, which are perfect for students living in the apartments or quads. There's really something for everyone," Santangelo said.

Stawinski described her excitement for the next Demonstration Kitchen event. She plans on teaching another recipe, specifically that of a meal. Stawinski discussed her plans and details of the next event.

"The next demonstration is in February, and I am thinking of doing something that involves hearty cooking. Things like soup or meals that have many different vegetables are very comforting in the wintertime. These types of meals can be made in large or small batches and frozen for convenience," Stawinski said.



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Stawinski printed out the peanut butter protein bite recipe for attendees to take with them.

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Participants could take a flyer that discussed healthy snacking with different ingredients to include in their recipes.

Photo courtesy of Gabriella Stawinski

Junior Kate Santangelo (left) and SWAG employee Gabriella Stawinski (right) appreciate their time at the demonstration kitchen. Santangelo enjoys tasting the peanut butter protein bite recipe.

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~Gabriella Stawinski

Students enjoy tasty treats on a cold day

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What better way to warm up on a cold winter morning than with hot chocolate and pancakes?! On Friday, Jan. 28, in the Elizabethtown College Bowers Center Demonstration Kitchen, Assistant Director of Health Promotion and professor Joni Eisenhauer whipped up some blueberry lemon pancakes and hot chocolate for students to stop by and try.

By 11:05 a.m., plenty of students were lined up at the counter to sample the two. Both vegan and non-vegan options were offered and were delicious. The vegan pancakes were made with flour, baking powder, salt, sugar, oat milk, lemon juice, lemon zest and blueberries. Starbucks' Dark Hot Chocolate mix, oat milk and a little bit of vanilla extract are to thank for the vegan hot chocolate, which was the perfect temperature to rid us of the frosty chill that has lingered in the air this week.

Others agree. "Woah," senior Maggie Harbord said upon taking her first sip of hot chocolate. She went on to have a second cup, as it was just that good. "I literally could drink this all day... it's not too sweet at all," she said.

Despite coffee being my drink of choice, I will admit, I would choose the hot chocolate. Unfortunately for Harbord, she was unable to add the pièce de resistance: whipped cream with cinnamon.

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Assistant Director of Health Promotion and professor Joni Eisenhauer makes pancakes and hot chocolate for attendees.

"The store did not have any non-dairy whipped cream topping," Eisenhower explained. "Normally [I would have] coconut milk or almond milk whipped cream, but they were all out."

Oat milk would not be utilized in non-dairy whipped cream, I learned, because it would be too thick. However, the oat milk was perfect for the cocoa and vegan pancake recipes, both of which were emailed out to students who signed up to receive recipes and future event announcements.

"I've been meaning to come to the demos since last semester, but so far, I haven't really had the time," junior Dori Hall said. "I'm really glad I got to stop by this morning, everything was delicious. I hope I'll be able to make more of them in the future."

Around noon, we were joined by junior Gabriella Stawinski, who often crafts and shares recipes with students in the demo kitchen on various weeknights. She is a Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) employee. The two talked while Eisenhower finished making the rest of the pancakes before letting Stawinksi take over for the second hour.

As Stawinski was preparing more hot chocolate, one of her coworkers, junior Kate Santangelo, stopped by to visit. She had never had vegan pancakes before, but she tried both options and really enjoyed them. "If you hadn't told me they were vegan, I never would have known," Santangelo said. "I thought [both pancakes] were very similar. They were both delicious!"

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There were different options of the lemon blueberry pancakes for attendees with dietary restrictions.

This event was just one of many being held in the Demo Kitchen this semester. On Feb. 23rd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., students can stop by to participate in the "Chocolate IQ" event, and on March 24th, the "Kombucha Floats" event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. These two events do not require pre-registration.

Other events currently scheduled for this semester are as follows:

Feb. 7: Cat Cow & Casseroles

Yoga @ 8 a.m, Breakfast @ 9 a.m. (Please register for yoga as you would our other fitness classes.)

Feb. 10: "Soup"er Bowl, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 23: Chocolate IQ, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 14: Cranes & Grains

Yoga @ 8 a.m., Breakfast @ 9 a.m. (Please register for yoga as you would our other fitness classes.)

March 18: Nutrition Day (details to be determined)

March 23: Plant Based Recipes, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

March 24: Kombucha Floats, 3 to 5 p.m.

April 4: Yoga & Yogurt

Yoga @ 8 a.m., Breakfast @ 9 a.m. (Please register for yoga as you would our other fitness classes.)

April 12: Farmers Market Favorites, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

If you'd like more information about upcoming events and how to register, you are encouraged to follow @EtownRecWell on social media and to check out their website at https://www.etown.edu/bowers-center/events.aspx.

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Peura

Students flocked to witness Assistant Director of Health Promotion and professor Joni Eisenhaur create delicious lemon blueberry pancakes. Participants were also offered hot chocolate to enjoy on this cold day.

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~Dori Hall

What do the stars bringing for you in the Spring Semester?

By: Lauren Robitaille

Aries

This past year may have had your head spinning, but luckily with spring right around the corner, it's the perfect time to declutter and clear your mind of the types of thoughts that have been holding you back. Vibes: Matches, plum, the number 7 and keys.

Taurus

It's time for you to really step into and embody the person you've always wanted to be. Taking little steps or habits each day that you think your best future self would do is a start! Vibes: Green juice, meditation, violet, the number 222 and maple trees.

Gemini

As spring and the end of another school year approaches, allow other people to care for you. You don't always have to be the "strong friend" and you deserve the same love you give others. Vibes: Teddy bear, peonies, light pink, the number 444 and mentor.

Cancer

It may be time to bring some unpredictable elements into your life and leave your comfort zone every once in a while. It doesn't have to be too drastic, something like going down the shore in winter. Vibes: Seashells, taffy, pearl, the number 333 and flexibility.

Leo

Leos, it's time for you to feel rested and refreshed. Cleansing the spirit in water or moonlight can provide wellness benefits. Vibes: Waves, royal blue, the number 9 and frogs.

Virgo

Letting go of some control may be beneficial this spring. Going with the flow and seeing where life takes you can provide opportunities and experiences you never expected. Vibes: Coffee, hiking, forest green, the number 777 and tigers.

Libra

Hey Libras! This semester may be a time for evaluating the technology in your life. Do you need to do a digital declutter? Are you on social media a little more than you'd like? Is there a new program you'd like to learn more about? Now's the time! Vibes: Meadows, buttercup yellow, the number 111 and bumble bees.

Scorpio

This may be a time for reconnection for Scorpio placements. Whether that's with friends, family, a hobby or even yourself, revisiting the things you love will bring a sense of serenity and joy when faced with uncertainties. Vibes: Film cameras, burgundy, the number 66 and nostalgia.

Sagittarius

Traveling may be a theme for my Sagittarius friends this season. Whether that means physically moving locations or even journeying into your creativity, that sense of wanderlust can take you far. Vibes: Winding dirt paths, Robert Frost, the number 888 and hot air balloons.

Capricorn

For Capricorns this spring, I recommend deep reflection and introspection to fully embrace the rejuvenating nature of spring. Vibes: Journaling, feathers, Emily Dickinson, the number 999 and tightropes.

Aquarius

It may be the season for some soul searching from Aquarians this spring. Tapping into the deep, dark parts of yourself may seem scary, but you could find the journey within has healing properties. Vibes: A well, inky black, the number 13, knowledge and bricks.

Pisces

This spring is definitely the time to discover some new music to add to the never-ending playlists I know you have. Vibes: The band Japanese Breakfast, soft gold, the number 6 and Monarch butterflies.

Tips for staying organized

Stay on top of your work load and don't fall victim to procastination this spring semester with some helpful tips

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The start of a new semester always brings a flurry of activity: moving back in, catching up with friends, starting classes and encountering new challenges. Even as routines fall into place, it can still be difficult to juggle a full schedule. There always seems to be something to do—whether it's homework or laundry or rushing off to a club meeting. In turn, staying organized can often be difficult to manage, but is possible with a few tips and tricks.

In terms of keeping track of meetings, classes and activities, a little effort goes a long way. Taking time to write down commitments in a planner, on a calendar or on an app is a lifesaver when it comes to remembering your schedule. Instead of trying to remember where you have to be and when, you can go to the same place every time you need to check your schedule.

Making lists is another great way to stay organized throughout the semester. To-do lists can be jotted down quickly on a phone from pretty much anywhere. Setting a few reasonable goals for each day, like a chore to do or homework to be completed, is a great way to stay productive and use your time wisely. Writing a to-do list doesn't have to be time-consuming, either: they can be written as you walk across campus, while eating or as you wait for class to start. Fitting organization into your day doesn't have to be hard: small steps can help the most!

Many people tend to find an organized room more motivating than a disorganized one: when a space is messy, it's often easy to leave it that way. However, getting into the habit of cleaning up a few things at a time can be a valuable and quick solution to keeping a room neater. Every time you take a break from studying or each time you leave your room, take a moment to pick up or clean three things. These could be small things, like a pen or a candy wrapper, or big things like making the bed or putting away a load of laundry. Investing in boxes, totes and other storage containers are also a great idea for keeping track of everything in your room.

These tips and tricks are all well and good on paper, of course, but how do we stay organized when we're feeling unmotivated? When we're overly stressed, busy, or just not feeling like doing anything, it can be hard to find reasons to keep organized. Nobody can be perfectly organized all the time, anyway: the important thing is that you do eventually get back into the habit. Listening to an upbeat playlist, turning on a favorite show or listening to a podcast are all excellent ways to make the work more enjoyable. Starting small or doing a little at a time can also go a long way: getting started is often the hardest part. In the end, what counts is that you do what makes you feel the best.

With time, anyone can become an expert at staying organized. At the beginning of the semester this can be especially tricky, but if you take these extra steps now it will be easier to maintain a healthy schedule. Staying organized is also a valuable form of self-care: it reduces the stress of a scattered schedule, focuses your attention on important assignments, and helps you feel productive throughout the day. It can be a challenge to maintain, and you don't have to be organized all the time to still be successful, but the benefits of starting these habits now are worth the struggle!

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Avoid your backpack looking like this mess by following these helpful tips on staying organized.

TV Show Review: Return to Hogwarts

Harry Potter 20th Anniversary Reunion streaming on HBO Max

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HBO Max kicked off 2022 with the reunion of the cast of "Harry Potter" on their streaming platform. The nearly two -hour show brought back numerous actors, including the main trio: Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter), Ruper Grint (Ron Weasely) and Emma Watson (Hermione Granger). The actors and crew members recounted their experiences working on the eight films.

The reunion special was split into chunks focusing on two movies at a time. The discussions were mainly Radcliffe and another person who had main ties to those films. Radcliffe talked to the director, Chris Columbus, about "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

There were also segments of the trio talking together, Grint and Watson and Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy) with Watson.

Fans of the movies were quick to notice who was not present in the reunion show. Maggie Smith (Professor Minerva McGonagall), Michael Gambon (Albus Dumbledore), Julie Walters (Molly Weasely) and Robert Pattinson (Cedric Diggory) were some of the handful that were not featured in the special. Some of the lack of appearances can be due to COVID-19 as they were not able to travel to the filming locations. Others were working on other projects and simply could not make it to filming. In addition, some were already retired from acting and chose not to come. There were tributes to those who passed away over the course of the 20 years.

A clear absence from the reunion was J. K. Rowling, the author of the "Harry Potter" books. Rowling was only present in the form of interviews filmed in 2019. The reason for this most likely stems from Rowling's recent Twitter posts regarding the transgender community. HBO Max did extend an invitation to Rowling to attend, but her team decided that the archived interviews would suffice.

Some secrets were shared among the cast members as they talked about their experiences. Watson and Felton shared their mutual love for one another on set. Watson also admitted to Grint that she wanted to quit her role at some point. Helena Bonham Carter (Bellatrix Lestrange) read a note that Radcliffe gave to her.

My personal favorite was Columbus discussing how Richard Harris (Albus Dumbledore) believed that Fawkes the Phoenix was a real bird.

I believe the reunion special was what it set out to be: a sit down with the cast members and talk about filming the eight movies. I personally expected the cast to simply only talk about the first film. To see them talk about all the films was surprising.

The only downside was that there wasn't much time spent on each film. I would have preferred them to stick to the first film and potentially lead to other reunions for the other movies. Of course, this would mean spending more money filming and producing the other reunion specials. Though it would give the opportunity for the actors that could not attend the reunion special to potentially appear.

Some fans of the franchise believe that the reunion special was to "rebrand" "Harry Potter." Due to Rowling's comments, some think that those who love the franchise are trying to claim "Harry Potter" as "for the fans" rather than "for the author." Removing the franchise from Rowling cuts out her beliefs and comments and allows the franchise to be enjoyed by all.

"Return to Hogwarts" was an excellent way to reminisce about the films and books. It transported the audience back into the world of "Harry Potter." I do think some of the information revealed by the cast the die-hard fans would have already known about. However, it's great to see the cast of characters we grew up with again and talk about their experiences.

I personally can't wait to see what these actors do next with their careers.

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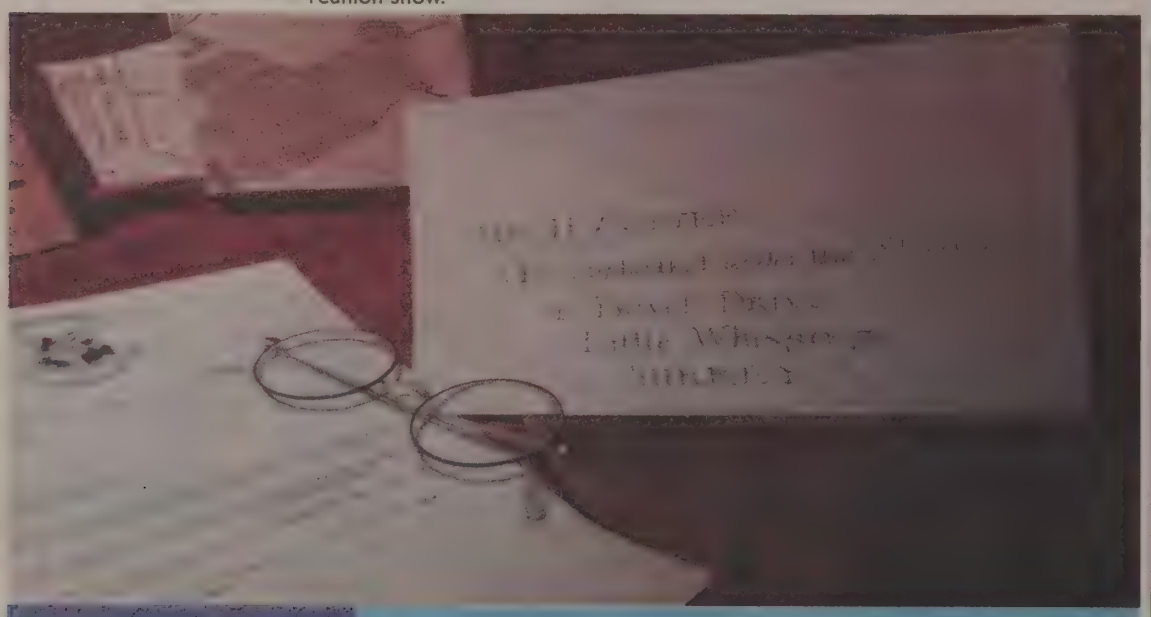

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The Weekly Treat

Natalie's Snack Time joins the Etownian

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Hello, my adoring Crumb Crew, and welcome to a new round of 2a.m. Snack Time!

This time, we're expanding our look on snacks throughout the week and listing everything about them. From their flavor and texture to their clean-up and nutritional value, we got it! I'll also make an end of the week post on the Jay's App, where I'll be open to any snack requests, questions, feedback and comments from everyone.

Now how about we kick off our first entry with an interesting look at a form of food that no one expects to be classified as a snack: a sugary drink. In this case, a Capri-Sun, Pacific Cooler to be exact.

Although not as filling as a traditional snack, drinks like this can give you the same sugar quenching taste as any junk food and satisfy thirst like a regular glass of water. It's a generally spill-free drink with little mess if you are mindful of the poked-out hole in the top. With this sharp amount of fruity and sweet flavor, it is easy to see why this is possibly the most popular of the brand.

However, due to the size of the small pouches, having just one may not be enough. This could be tempting you to have more, but keep this in mind: according to the nutritional facts, each one pouch serving contains 13 grams of sugar, 15 grams of sodium and 14 grams of total carbohydrates. This means it may give you a small burst of energy and still leave you a little bit thirsty, if not amplified after a while. So, if you're thinking of having one on a night where you need sleep, it shouldn't be your first choice, especially if you're a light sleeper or easily affected by sugar.

Overall score will have to be a 7/10; great drink but there's a right and wrong time to have it.

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Costa-Quimet became popualar on the Jay's app for her 2 a.m. snack reviews.

The Students of Etown

Meet Jacob Shell and discover his unique journey that lead him to life at Elizabethtown College

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Presenting this new feature The Students of Etown, will focus on students across Elizabethtown College's campus. It will be a spotlight-profile type piece highlighting the great and diverse student body on campus.

Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that their story is important. One such example is the tale of junior Jacob Schell.

Schell is a nontraditional student at 26 years old. He hails from Mount Pleasant Mills, Pa. near Selinsgrove, Pa. Growing up, he enjoyed spending time doing normal teenage things while hanging out with his siblings.

"I have a twin brother and an older sister that I spent most of my life with doing stuff like hanging out outside, playing video games," Schell said.

All throughout high school, Schell was a straight A student. Still, he did not have a clear idea of what he wanted his future career to be. Straight after graduating, he attended a technical school in Lancaster, Pa. and majored in business administration.

"They didn't offer a lot of classes, and I wasn't sure what I wanted to do at the time," Schell said.

After a year of attending this school, Schell realized that business administration was not the path for him. He dropped out and decided to enter the local workforce to see if he could find a job that suited him.

"I went through a couple of jobs over the next couple of years, and again, I didn't like what I was doing," Schell said.

When Schell realized that he needed to change his future plan, he looked first to his interests. For a long time, he has been fascinated with Japanese and general Asian culture. He began looking for colleges that offered Japanese courses, and he found Etown. To see if Etown was the place for him, he decided to try to take a Japanese course.

"I was like, you know what, let's give this a try," Schell said, "and three years later now, it's actually really interesting, so I'm glad I made the decision to go here."

Schell is now a Japanese/Asian Studies major with a studio art minor. Since he was unable to study abroad due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as going to classes on campus. Schell is also taking online courses at a university in Osaka, Japan.

"It's a little difficult because I got a couple quizzes coming up not only in my Japanese class on campus but the Japanese classes online," Schell said.

After graduating, Schell hopes to join the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program. JET is a major international program that allows for people of all cultures to come to Japan to teach or work in local jobs. Schell's main goal is to teach English or some other school subject in a Japanese high school.

Good luck to Jacob Schell as he continues his journey to hopefully end up in Japan!

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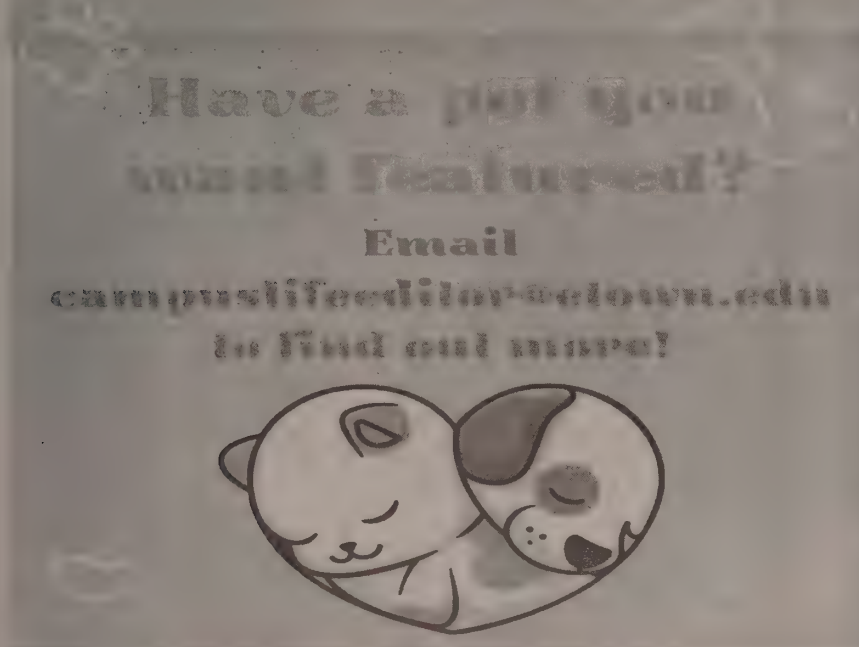
To aid him in his studies, Schell grabbed a coffee from the Jay's nest.



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An a-moo-sing birthday

Mad Cow celebrates one of their own's birthday

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On Friday Jan. 29, Elizabethtown College's own Mad Cow Improv group held their first show of the semester. In the Gibble auditorium, dozens of students gathered (wearing their masks for COVID-19 safety) and watched the cows perform.

They played games like their classic halftime show, the tale of Blockbuster going out of business, a doctor with a hidden bowling alley in his practice and several others. What made this show special though is that it was sophomore social studies education major and Spanish minor Baja Blasted's, aka Evan Vaughn's, birthday.

During the show, some of Vaughn's friends made sure to let the crowd know that it was his birthday. During Vaughn's signature game, Genie, one of his friends asked the Genie, who was named Elmo by the crowd, what to get him. Elmo responded with nothing.

Nonetheless, Vaughn was showered with birthday wishes by what sophomore occupational therapy major Lucy Krug calls "The Schlosse Posse." During the breaks in between games, they held up signs with Vaughn's face on them and played triangles. According to Krug, Vaughn loves music, so they figured they work in this passion with the triangle. The best part though was after the show was finished, they covered Vaughn in silly string.

"We love showing friendly affection toward [Vaughan] by embarrassing him," Krug said. "He's like a brother to us, and we wanted to be there for him in a funny but thoughtful way."

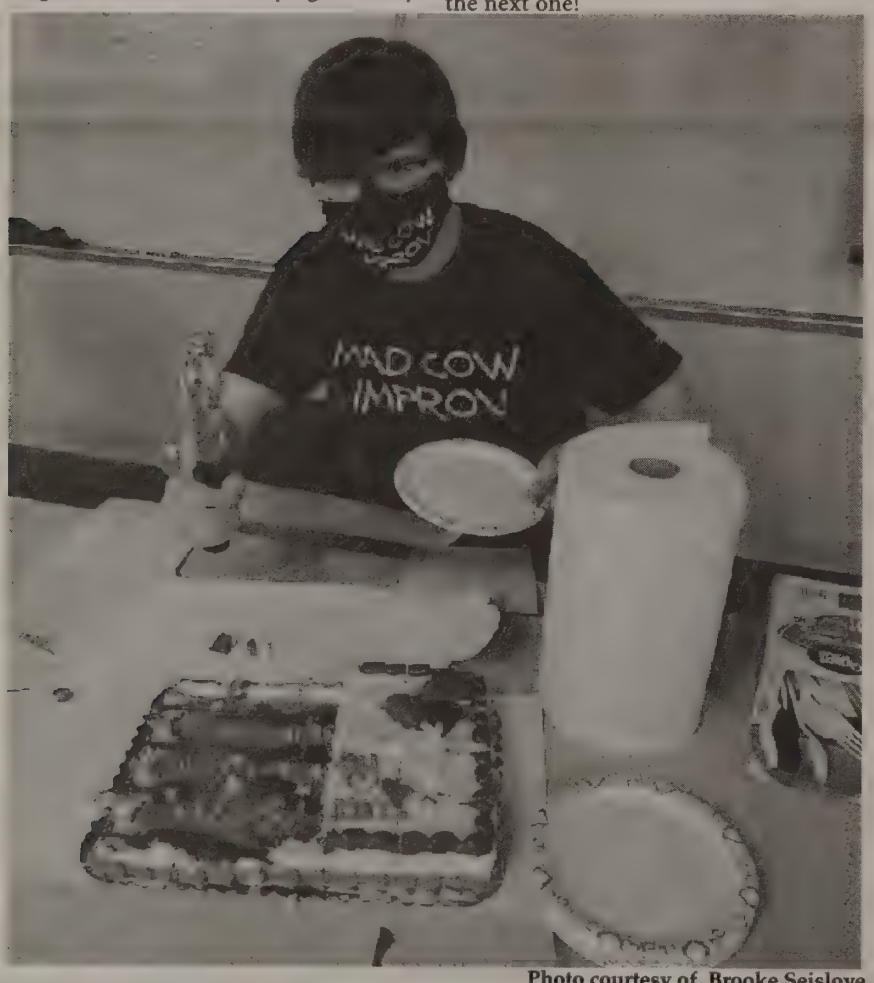
After the show, the festivities continued. The cows and some friends, traveled to a nearby classroom where Vaughn's sister, senior psychology major Victoria Vaughn, brought cake. E. Vaughn was in charge of cutting the cake and giving a speech about the joys of turning 20. One of the attendees was Mad Cow member first-year mathematics education major Tainan Nunes.

"It was nothing too fancy," Nunes said, "but it didn't have to be for some friends to have quality time and create memories."

As for E. Vaughn, he felt very appreciated throughout the whole night. Mad Cow has helped with his personal growth in terms of confidence and social skills, so he was glad to spend some more time with his herd.

"It was fun to have some time with friends," E. Vaughn said. "They are a good bunch, and I'm glad they stuck around with me."

Mad Cow plans to have free shows once a month, so be sure to check out the next one!



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Evan Vaughns poses with his cake after he struggled to cut his birthday cake.

Rory thinks that you should go to the next Mad Cow show! It's free!

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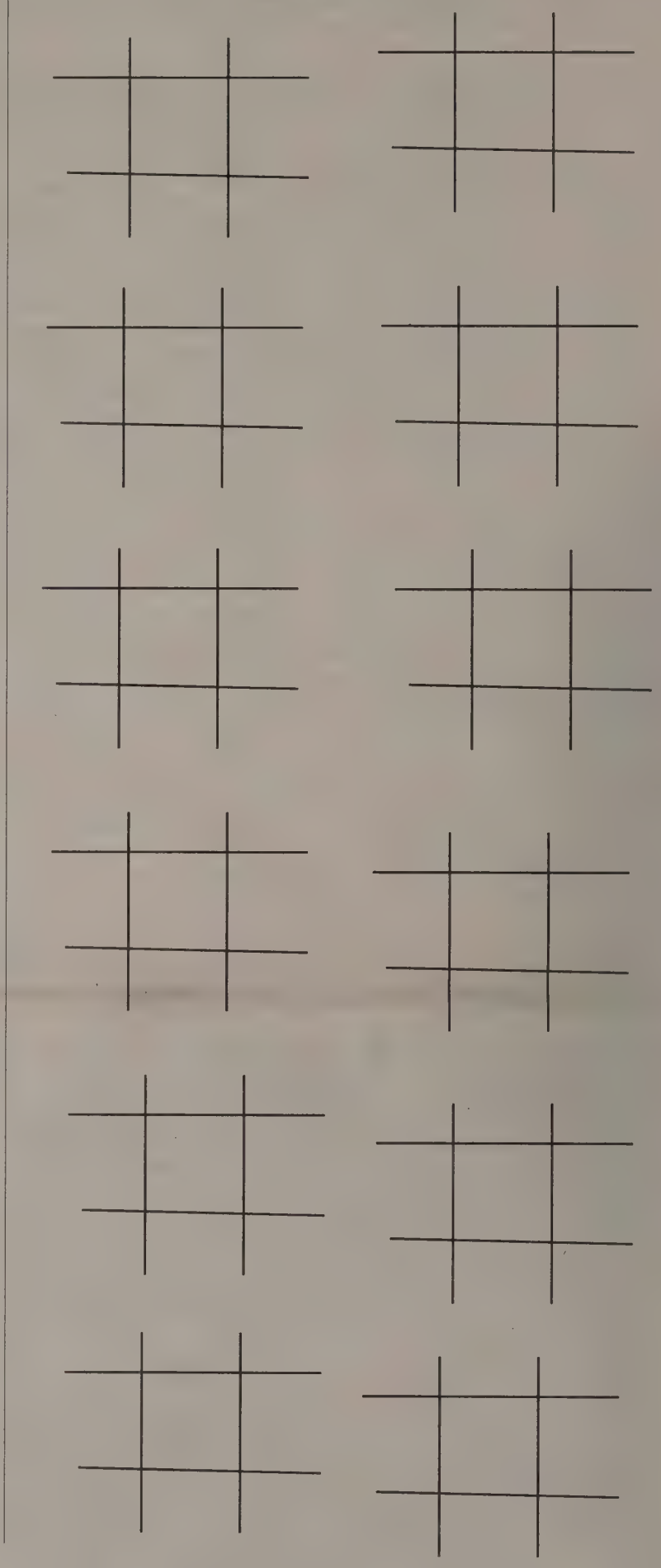

National Football League playoff update

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This past Sunday, January 30, was an electric showing of football, as the NFL Conference Championships did not disappoint viewers.

The Los Angeles Rams narrowly defeated the San Francisco 49ers to win the NFC Championship.

Similarly, the Cincinnati Bengals won in overtime, beating the favorited Kansas City Cihefs to win the American Football Conference (AFC) Championship.

The stage is now set for a Rams vs Bengals Super Bowl in two weeks.

The Rams won in a come-from-behind fashion, as they trailed the 49ers 17-7 entering the fourth quarter. Although the Rams did score first, the 49ers went on a 17-0 run that started in the second quarter.

This set the stage for the Ram's fourth-quarter comeback.

Less than two minutes into the fourth quarter, Rams quarterback Matt Stafford completed a touchdown pass to Cooper Kupp, making the game 17-14.

This was Kupp's second touchdown of the game. A field goal by the Rams with seven minutes to go tied the game up at 17-17.

With just three minutes left in the game, the Rams once again had the ball.

Stafford completed yet another big pass to Kupp to put the Rams in field goal position. With just under two minutes the Rams kicked a field goal to take a 20-17 lead.

The game ended with a Rams interception to end the game, and the Rams are now on the way to Super Bowl LVI.

This game may have been a wild one, but the earlier 3:30p.m. game between the Chiefs and Bengals was arguably even more electric.

Quarterback Joe Burrow and his Bengals got off to a slow start, as they did not get a first down in the first nine minutes of the game, but they were able to salvage a field goal out of the first quarter, and the game was 7-3 with the Chiefs in the lead. The Chiefs put up 14 in the second quarter, compared to only 7 by the Bengals.

In the second half Burrow started finding his receivers, and the Bengals put up 11 points in the third quarter.

The Bengals defense was strong in the second half and limited the Chiefs to just three points the whole half, and no points in the third quarter.

Ja'Marr Chase had a big second half that included a touchdown in the third quarter that was set up by a Bengals interception.

This play tied up the game at 21-21. A field goal by each team in the fourth quarter sent the game to overtime, as the game was tied up 24-24.

Three plays into overtime, Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes threw another interception, which meant that any kind of a score by the Bengals would end the game.

Surely enough, the Bengals marched down the field and set up a 31-yard field goal that was completed to end the game and send Cincinnati to the Super Bowl.

Super Bowl LVI will take place Sunday, Feb. 6th, at 6:30. Currently, the Rams are favored to win, but no one is counting out Burrow and the Bengals.

Photo Courtesy of Professional Football Hall of Fame

The NFL playoffs get the fans excited as the game livestreams across the TVs leading up to the Superbowl, which will take place on Sunday, Feb.13.

Video Game Review: Rocket League

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There is a video game that allows you to play soccer while driving recklessly in a rocket powered car. It's called "Rocket League."

"Rocket League" is a sports game in which you are playing soccer as you are driving a car. You are driving a car as you are trying to score against a team of opposing cars. How the game works is simple.

Players work with a team of other players or computers to advance a ball down the field and attempt to score a goal against the opposing team.

You can drive with a booster throughout the game. In order to refill the booster, there are areas with yellow/orange orbs. Run into those orbs and you get boosters. You can also jump as you are driving. The purpose of jumping is to prevent the ball either from entering your side or to prevent the ball from going into the goal you are defending.

You can even drive up the walls in order to get the ball before it hits the ground and bounce back into the air.

Each player is put on either the blue team or the orange team. When the game begins, so do the engines. Once the game begins, both teams rush towards the ball in an attempt to be the first to put the ball in the opposing goal. The game continues with the cars hitting the ball in order to score goals until the timer runs out. When a goal is scored, there is an explosion in the goal and wording showing what team scored at the top of the screen. Then, all the players are returned to their starting positions to repeat the cycle until the time runs out. What makes "Rocket League" unique is that it incorporates rocket powered cars as the main components of the game (aside from the soccer field, ball and goal).

Before each game, the player can choose which vehicle they want to use as well as how they want to customize it. I have actually played "Rocket League" on the Wii, and have found the game easy to understand and the controls were easy to navigate. Not only that, but the concept of the game is soccer, so if you know the rules of soccer, the game concept should come easy to you. Even if you have never played soccer in your life, the game should come easy to you.

My favorite part of the game is the ability to be able to jump, as it makes the game a lot more fun. The jumping ability can be used whenever, and if you are able to jump off a wall or just high enough, you can do some cool tricks in the air as well as stop the ball from entering either your side of the field or even the goal.

I lost the last time I played, but the important thing is that it is a fun game, and I would absolutely play it again.

Photo Courtesy of Rocket League

Rocket League is a game involving cars acting as the soccer players instead of traditonal advatars.

Men's basketball loses to Drew University

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Elizabethtown College's men's basketball team lost to Drew University by 18 points on Saturday, Jan. 29th. The game was the third straight loss for Etown's men's team.

The game was going to be a tough one from the start, as Drew won the Landmark Championship last year, and only has one conference loss on the season this year.

The game started strong for the Blue Jays as they had a one-point lead entering the second half.

The defense from the Blue Jays was solid in the first half and they were able to keep up with the Drew offense.

The Blue Jays started the second half confidently and kept the game close until there were 12 minutes left, and then Drew started to pull away.

Drew had success with three-pointers in the second half, which helped make it an 18-point game.

Drew was nine for 15 from beyond the arc in the second half, which was hard to match for the Blue Jays.

The Jays only hit a total of four three-pointers in the second half. The barrage of threes gave Drew an 88-70 win over the Blue Jays.

Despite the 18-point loss, some positives came out of the game. Four Blue Jays put up 10+ points.

Fifth-year Ryan Fitzpatrick led the team with 15 points and two three-pointers.

First-year Rance Russo also had a good game with 13 points, but he struggled from beyond the arch, only 1-7. Russo is off to a great first year, as he's averaging over 14 points a game.

Additionally, junior Dylan Rowe and sophomore Jared Archer posted over 10 points during the game.

Men's basketball is off to a rough start this season, as they are 1-6 in conference play.

They have 7 games left in the season, all of which are conference games.

Men's basketball will play next at Goucher College on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. The Blue Jays defeated Goucher 77-69 earlier this season.

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The Elizabethtown College men's basketball team suffers another loss as they face off against Drew University in the most recent basketball game that took place on Jan. 29.

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CCCE introduces new service leadership program

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Director of the Elizabethtown College Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) Javita Thompson is piloting a service leadership program for incoming first-year Etown students.

The Bonner Leader Program was started by the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation in 1990. The overarching goal is to improve relations between students and communities by bridging the gap between the basic needs of nutrition and educational opportunity.

The Bonner Leader program will become a multifaceted program that allows Etown students to gain leadership skills while performing service initiatives to improve relationships with community organizations. The program is one of many initiatives to help with the College's strategic plan, specifically the theme of "inclusive excellence."

"We don't have a ton of diversity [at the College]," Thompson said in an interview. She explained the importance of how the program will enable incoming first-year students of historically marginalized identities to see others who resemble them, empowering and validating their mental cognition to become active leaders at an institution that is predominantly white.

The Bonner Leader Program provides students with opportunities to allow individuals to connect themselves deeply with service, engage in leadership qualities and learn about civic engagement and social justice locally, nationally and internationally. During their four years at the College, students will indulge in areas of civic engagement, community building, diversity, international perspectives, social justice, spiritual exploration and wellness. After extensive learning, students will then be able to apply their learning outcomes to create sustainable and equitable societal change.

Photo courtesy of Paula Groff

The new Bonner Leader program will be headed by the CCCE and available to incoming first-year students at Etown.

Students will have the opportunity to work with a community organization of interest and provide research that will benefit both the student and organization. This will allow for career development growth for students.

Recipients of the program will receive up to $3,000 annual stipend for their weekly work with community organizations over the course of their four years with the college. Students are advised and mentored individually by Thompson to ensure that they are adequately transforming their lives on campus and within the community while following the institution's "Educate for Service" motto.

When speaking with Thompson, she spoke with enthusiasm and excitement about the program. She also referenced many other programs similar to the Bonner in which she was involved. She hopes to use these programs to shape and influence the curriculum for the Bonner program.

During her first job at Millersville University, Thompson managed the community work study program.

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Student worker wages increase across campus

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As of January 2022, Elizabethtown College has increased the standard student wage by $1/hour, calculated against a $10/hour maximum, in response to the efforts by Student Senate. During the fall 2021 semester, a shortage of student workers prompted the club to explore ideas to solve this issue. In turn, they decided to form the ad hoc Student Worker Research Committee that focused on advocating for higher compensation across campus.

Class of 2025 Senator and member of this Committee Griffen MacLaren explained why Senate wanted to work toward guaranteeing better pay at Etown. "We wanted to do a student wage increase because the College hasn't updated its pay scale since 2012, so we thought it was a good time for an update, especially because the cost of living has gone up, but the minimum wage has not," he said.

The Committee's main task was to determine a fair pay rate that would appeal to students, and this was deduced through a survey that over 250 students completed. Participants were asked questions such as, "Do you work on campus or not?", "Do you like your work conditions?" and "What do you think is a fair wage to get paid?"

After analyzing the results, the Committee concluded that a rate of $10/hour implemented by Jan. 10, 2022, would satisfy students. They proposed this amount to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) through a resolution.

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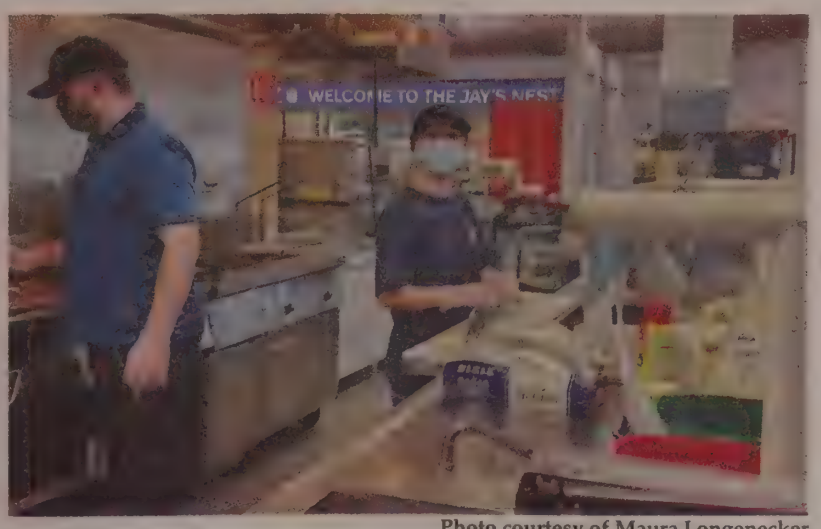

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Responding to a student worker shortage and encouraged by clubs and organizations, the College raised the standard miniumum wage on campus by $1/hour.

Office of Marking and Communications wins award

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"It is always enjoyable to work with students, faculty and staff on projects for marketing and communications—our vibrant community is what makes Etown so special!" Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Keri Straub said.

The Elizabethtown College Office of Marketing and Communications (OMC) has recently been recognized in The Ninth Annual Education Digital Marketing (EDM) awards. This competition aims to promote exceptional digital content, media and educational communications. Over 1,000 media entries are submitted each year from schools around the country, and then judged by multiple professionals in education, marketing, creative writing and other communication professions.

The school's OMC department was one out of 73 institutions awarded with a bronze recognition. They received two bronze achievements, one for a digital video called "Flock to the Polls" and another for a Social Media Content Campaign within the Summer Scholarship, Creative Arts and Research Projects (SCARP) program. "Flock to the Polls" was a short video of about two minutes that was meant to inspire students to vote during the November 2020 election. The Social Media Content Campaign was made to support the school's faculty and students who were participating in independent research projects on campus in the summer of 2021.

For their first entry, the OMC team wanted to create a campaign video they believed would resonate with their audience as well as highlight some of the positive aspects of the College. By brainstorming and strategizing together, the students and faculty created an expertly crafted video that helped spread awareness of the election and reasons why people might exercise their right to vote. They interviewed multiple students and staff about voting, why they wanted to vote and their experiences with the polls. Emphasis was placed on how every vote counted towards a change in people's futures and raising the voices of the people. Their signature phrase, "Flock to the Polls," is both a reference to the College's mascot (the Blue Jay) and a call to action from the people who so passionately worked on this piece.

For their media campaign in the SCARP series, the team planned out whole campaigns for every individual social channel that was being held at the time. The SCARP program at Etown College allows for students to gain valuable experience with real-world research projects, with multiple student and faculty partnerships taking place during the summer months. Their goal in this project was to focus on making the promotion as exciting to their followers as possible, which showed the power of media engagement.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

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2022 has just started, but it seems like some tech trends from 2021 are coming back bigger than ever. The app Twitter has just announced that you can now use non-fungible tokens (NFTs) as your profile picture, and other social media giants like Instagram and Youtube are developing technology to do the same thing.

But what exactly is an NFT? It seems like all of the tech chatter today revolves around them, but no one can give a clear dictionary definition of an NFT. The truth is, the concept of an NFT is hard to understand if you're not a crypto enthusiast, but it's still important to know the term. To fully grasp NFTs, the first thing you have to understand is cryptocurrency. Many people are familiar with bitcoin, a form of online money that can be used to buy from online retailers, service providers and stocks. NFTs use Ethereum, which is often compared to Bitcoin. However, Ethereum operates much differently. Ethereum is a program, and it's "coin" is called Ether. Ether and Bitcoin are similar, but not interchangeable. Ethereum itself is a blockchain– basically a huge database that includes things like NFTs.

So what is an NFT? NFT stands for non-fungible token. To the average person, none of those words make sense either. Fungible means something that can be traded and have the exact same value. For example, a dollar bill is fungible because it can be traded for four quarters. Non-fungible means that it cannot be traded or replaced for the exact same value. Basically, all NFTs are unique and different. They are sometimes

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compared to trading cards in that aspect. Once you purchase one, you are the sole owner of that NFT. Your ownership is verified through the Ethereum blockchain. Usually, NFTs are a digital art form, which includes gifs and video art. Some sell for millions of USD. However, as with all digital art, they can be screenshotted or downloaded. So how are NFTs unique?

NFTs are only unique because of the value of proof of ownership. You can download or screenshot an NFT, but only the original purchaser has proof that they are the owners. This is similar to copies of works of art, like those you can get at museum gift shops. It's not the original art, but it looks the same.

So what's the point of all of this? If you're an artist, NFTs are a good way to get your art out there, and if you're interested in the world of crypto, it can be a way to build your digital dollars. If you are interested in buying NFTs, they can be a good way to support artists you like, and maybe even get a unique Twitter profile picture- until other people screenshot it. But don't worry, you'll be the only one with proof of ownership.

However, NFTs have recently come under a lot of fire from environmental groups, as has cryptocurrency in general. Remember the Ethereum blockchain that NFTs operate on? It requires a massive amount of power to run. Like, massive. According to Forbes, one transaction that's run on Ethereum, like buying an NFT, requires the same amount of power as a house in a workweek. For years, the owners of Ethereum have pledged to create a more environmentally friendly version, but so far no changes have been made.

So, as a college student, should you invest in NFTs? It's your personal choice. If you trust the cryptocurrency infrastructure and don't care about the environmental impacts, go right ahead. However, for the average person, NFTs are just another non-essential in our ever changing world of technology today.

WAGE INCREASE PAGE 1

Etown clubs make efforts to raise student compensation

MacLaren discussed the additional steps taken by Senate to ensure a wage increase, stating, "The Senate President Andrew Furman talked to Jerry Silberman, who is the [Senior] Vice President of [Administration and] Finance at the school, and talked with the Board of Trustees, and they negotiated the dollar increase overall."

Along with the efforts of Senate, Etown's chapter of Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) was inspired to enact change on campus. The club's president Gabe Karl said, "We saw that Senate was pushing for a higher wage, and from my perspective, and I think most of the club members, we didn't see enough pressure coming from Senate onto the administration."

YDSA put informational flyers in residence halls and sent emails calling for improved wages, wishing to unite the students under this cause. The club did not work with Senate during this process, but their tactics allowed more individuals to understand the reason behind this request.

When Senate and the College announced the $1/hour increase, Karl and his club were slightly disappointed by the outcome.

"Obviously, we're happy to see that there was an increase, but it wasn't anywhere near what we thought was going to happen or what most student workers need. If we have a shortage of workers, we have to change what we're paying them. That's the only way to fix that," Karl stated.

However, hope remains for YDSA and students across campus; Senate's calls for higher wages are not over, as MacLaren expressed, "I know there were plans laid on the table of trying to increase it higher in the future. This was the start, so now that we have that ball rolling, probably next year we can relook at seeing if we can [get] a quarter [increase] because typically, wages do go up if you work at the same job."

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

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As the decennial legislative redistricting process in Pennsylvania comes to a close, the Grand Old Party (GOP) has contrived a brand-new approach by using a constitutional amendment to circumvent the existing process in order to maintain their legislative majority. Currently, Article 2, Section 17 of the Pennsylvania Constitution directs that decennial drawing of electoral maps for state representatives and state senators be carried out through a special bipartisan Legislative Reapportionment Commission.

This commission is made up of five members. Four party leaders, including one member from each party in the house and one from each party in the senate. The fifth member is chosen by the four partisan members and chairs the commission. If the commission members cannot agree, the fifth member is chosen by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The five-member Legislative Reapportionment Commission encourages compromise between the two parties when creating districts–something that rarely occurs when federal Congressional districts are being drafted. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court's 5-2 Democratic majority selected the commission chair as a nonpartisan tiebreaker.

The new 2022 state maps were approved in a 4-1 decision by the commission. In 2010, only 85 of 203

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districts were Democratic leaning districts. The 2022 maps would see an increase to 101 Democratic leaning districts.

Democrats have called new district maps realistic since the state is so close ideologically and new districts would reflect our competitiveness. Democrats point out that this would still leave Republicans with a slight majority of seats in both the PA State House and Senate.

Republicans are unhappy with the new maps calling them an unfair Democratic gerrymander favoring Democrats. Commission chair and former Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh Mark Nordenberg was clearly giving the new maps a partisan edge, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

In response, Republicans in the state assembly have drafted new legislation that could change the very fabric of redistricting in Pennsylvania as it has existed for decades. Leading Republican Seth Grove of York County is spearheading the effort to get HB2207 on the ballot in 2023, where he hopes he can gain public support for a constitutional amendment to completely overhaul our redistricting process.

HB2207 would disband the current redistricting commissionIn favor of a new 11-member commission made up of the same four partisan caucus members that sit on the commission now. The other seven members would be chosen through a mix of countywide elections favoring Republicans, appointment by the original four members of the commission and by judges of the Commonwealth Court favoring Republicans.

If this commission were to deliver maps unfavorable to Republicans, HB2207 grants the final decision to the state legislature which can approve maps with a simple majority vote, with each legislative branch voting on the maps that represent its own members.

The governor and Pennsylvania Supreme Court are completely left out of this process and the changes could go into effect starting in 2024 if the ballot initiative passes in 2023.

HB2207 creates an extremely undemocratic redistricting process and we must hold our representatives accountable through the ballot before the democratic institutions we hold so dear have been trampled, rotting from the inside out.

BONNER LEADER PAGE 1

The College partners with the Bonner Leader program

In this position, she helped place students with community partners to earn funding. This was created by legislation passed during the Bill Clinton presidency.

"Students showed [a need to] buy food and pay the cell phone bill or utilities and this provided an opportunity for both," Thompson said.

A second program in which Thompson has been involved in was called Next Steps, a partnership with the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development. The purpose of the partnership is to allow students who participated in afterschool programs to continue to be in touch with their younger peers through a mentoring program within the Philadelphia area. In it, sophomore, junior and senior college students mentor incoming first-year college students from Philadelphia.

Thompson also has plans to work with the NAACP Branch in the Greater Harrisburg Area. She was extremely impressed with their program called ACT-SO which is a mentor program similar to Bonner. Etown students are able to become mentors to students in Harrisburg with whom they share similar interests, and then compete in a series of competitions based off those interests both statewide and nationally. Participants are awarded prizes.

Given Thompson's background and previous successes, she is ecstatic to begin the process of starting a successful Bonner Leader Program at the College. The program is slated to launch in the fall of 2022. More information about the Bonner program can be found on the CCCE's website. https://www.etown.edu/centers/community-civic/bonner.aspx

OMC AWARD PAGE 1

OMC receives bronze recognition at EDM awards

Upon receiving the news of the awards, Executive Director Keri Straub expressed pride in how the College had earned the recognition, and how much hard work and strategy went on behind the scenes. It was thanks to the team's highly productive and engaging attitudes that they were able to have this victory. The students and other faculty members involved were also happily celebrating the achievement, with the well wishes and support of their college campus community.

Of course, no great award is earned without at least a little bit of struggle. The team often remarked about how they could always use more time for brainstorming and strategizing, which was sometimes hard to do during the time constraints of the competition and in between everybody's personal calendars. However, that struggle became part of the learning process for them as they navigated through tough schedules. In the end, those involved found themselves with better multi-tasking skills and better knowledge for how to make the most of unfavorable situations.

"As a team, being able to conceptualize, implement and execute the process of a new campaign is always amazing to have it come to fruition," Straub said.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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On Feb. 3rd, President Biden announced that a raid carried out by U.S. Special Operations Forces resulted in the death of the Islamic State's leader, Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi. The raid was planned months ago when agency officials were tipped that ISIS's top terrorist was hiding out in a house in northwest Syria.

"We made a choice to pursue a Special Forces raid, at a much greater risk to our own people, rather than targeting him with an airstrike," Biden said. "We made this choice to minimize civilian casualties."

Even though precautions were taken to minimize civilian deaths, members of al-Qurayshi's family were killed when the terrorist detonated a bomb and killed 12 others upon the arrival of U.S. forces. Pentagon officials said that 10 civilians, including eight children, were safely evacuated, and plans were made to review whether the mission had harmed civilians.

The raid came days after U.S. forces backed Kurdish-led militia in a battle to regain control of a prison in northeastern Syria, after ISIS had taken over the prison and freed prisoners. This battle was the largest U.S. combat assault on the Islamic State since the end of the jihadi caliphate three years ago.

ISIS's assault on Ghwaryan prison in the Syrian town of Hasakah on Jan. 20 was undoubtedly a sign that the Islamic State's threats cannot be ignored. The assault's goal was to free Islamic State leaders, of which there were about 3,000 suspected militants. By the time the Syrian forces recaptured the prison, 10 days after the initial attack, about 500 people had died.

This attack shows that the U.S.'s fight against terrorism is not ending anytime soon. Years of war with the Islamic State, which rose from the collapse of Syria during the civil war, have resulted in numerous deaths and economic losses. "The recent attack by ISIS," former top Pentagon official and retired C.I.A. paramilitary operations officer Mick Mulroy said "indicate that ISIS is not done fighting, nor is the U.S. or our partners."

Commander of the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces General Mazloum Kobane Abdi was fearful of the recent resurgence of the Islamic State. "They want to renew ISIS," the General had said. "They wanted to attack the prison, but after that, the plan was even bigger."

Recent counterterrorism efforts have largely been defined by airstrikes and drone combat. The operation to execute al-Qurayshi involved two dozen helicopters and was monitored live from the White House's Situation Room and was similar to raids conducted on Osama Bin Laden in 2011 and previous ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in 2019.

Though Biden's approval of the attack was justified by intelligence concluding that al-Qurayshi was plotting the group's comeback, there have been some disagreements about the attack. "The U.S. position is really a recipe for endless war," professor at Rutgers University Adil Haque said. "The doctrine really allows for conflict that is endless in time and in space."

Biden was able to carry out the attack due to the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF), which Congress passed to broaden the president's powers and use of military force in the Middle East. However, this expansive authorization is seen as worrying by many. Luke Hatrig, former senior director for counterterrorism at the National Security Council, says the broad use of AUMF is troubling.

Even though the attack was a success, it might be time to revisit our approach to the War on Terror and revamp it to better fit today's landscape. Innocent lives cannot continue to pay the price of war.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Feb. 3 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. The meeting began with a special order for the swearing in of two representatives for the Class of 2023.

Administrative reports began with Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez. She reported that so far there have been over 200 responses to the Campus Climate Survey. Once the survey closes the data will be shared both students and administration. Associate Dean of Students for Community Living Jennifer Crowder reported that the new Assistant Director of Student Activities and Commuter Engagement Brooke Hollinger will be starting on Feb. 7. Associate Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Darcey Mills reported that the traveling museum for Black History Month, will be postponed until mid-March. Associate Dean for Student Counseling and Health Needs Bruce Lynch reported that counseling services will be starting group couseling sessions this semester for those who identify as LGBTQ+, mood and anxiety mangement and to help seniors with the transitions to come after college.

Moving into Executive Cabinet reports, Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci reported that the finance committee voted to approve start-up funds for two clubs. The committee also decided to table voting on approving funds requested by the Chemistry Club. Cappucci will be meeting with Associate Director of Center for Civic and Community Engagement Javita Thompson to continue planning for the creation of the Professional Attire Closet Executive Clubs Chair Alexander D'Amico reminded everyone that Club Council will be held next Wed. at 7 p.m. in the KAV.

Moving into committee updates, Advocacy & Service Committee Chair Madison Holmberg reported that all class advocacy projects were approved for the semester.

Moving into class updates, each class president spoke briefly about what their class advocacy project is. Class of 2025 President Isaac Kraenbring reported the class's project is solidarity, where their goal is to work to inform the campus and bring them together. Class of 2024 President Holmberg reported that the class's project is sustainability, working to improve systems already in place by the campus while also creating new ways for the campus to work to be more sustainable. Class of 2023 President Brooke Charria reported that the class advocacy project focuses on bringing awareness to blind-grading, not only what it is but also how beneficial it can be. Class of 2022 President Nichole Greiner reported that the class advocacy project focuses around ADA compliance at Etown.

Moving into new business, D'Amico presented the new event that the Executive Cabinet brainstormed and Clubs Committee is working to execute, tentatively titled Code Brown. The event would take place at the Elizabethtown Fairgrounds on April 30 from 12 to 6 p.m. The concept would be that there is a horse released into a pen that is divided into sections on the ground. People are then able to place money on the different sections of the pen, in hopes that the horse will poop in the section they placed money on.

This event would run as a fundraiser, giving the money from the bets placed to the organization that provided the horse. It would also provide an opportunity for clubs and organizations to have fundraising tables. They are also hoping to have food trucks, a dunk tank and a variety of lawn games. Details of this event are still being worked out.

The meeting was then moved into executive session to complete committee voting. Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.

Correction

In the last issue, an article stated that Mike Wheeler would be leading the national presidential search procress. Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Mike Spangler '88 is conducting the search.

The Etownian regrets this error.

CGUP:Plans for the spring 2022 semester

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Continuing from last semester, the Elizabethtown College Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking's (CGUP) first annual Forum on White Supremacy and Colonization will shift gears to focus on international concerns. In the fall semester, the Forum focused primarily on issues of race on a domestic level. Now, the scope is expanding to the global scale.

Describing this transition in focus, associate professor of education and Interim Director of CGUP Dr. Shannon Haley-Mize explained, "We're turning our attention to more of the global colonization issues and questions, really wanting to build on the foundation that was laid in the fall where we talked about oppression and power….as it relates to this country….and wanting to talk about colonization, its implications across the globe and hearing from members of our community."

This semester, CGUP will be sponsoring and hosting a number of events. These include:

-A small-group media series taking place in Nicarry 127 wherein students will watch and discuss two films and one series dealing with various global issues. The dates of the different showings are:

-The Roots Show - Feb. 17th at 7:30 p.m.

-The True Cost - Feb. 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

-Living on One Dollar - Feb. 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Registration for this event can be completed by following this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzVky-idfFHKN9cwd7jR2ty29RmFeR0mZa4CKsDBrAJzG7JA/viewform

In discussing her plans for CGUP's Forum this spring, Mize expresses a strong desire to highlight student perspectives: "The idea is really to center the voices of our international students on campus," she said. "The goal is to get students to participate and develop learning outcomes, to build knowledge and skills around diversity, peacebuilding and social justice across campus."

In addition to CGUP, other organizations and individuals involved in planning include the International Students Club, the Faculty Coalition for Anti-Racist Education and associate professor of public health Robert Aronson.

Sophomore international business major Misaki Yamaguchi is president of the International Students Club and Communications Coordinator for CGUP. She has played a crucial role in coordinating events between CGUP and international students.

Aronson coordinated the screening event for "I am Belmaya"— reaching out to the film's director and bringing CGUP on board as a sponsor. In his teaching of public health, he felt the film was important in helping students develop a decolonized perspective on issues related to the Global South.

This goal is in direct alignment with CGUP's values, as noted by Mize: "We want the discussion to extend to the various countries represented, how has colonization played out for those countries? What does it look like?"

Regarding the Faculty Coalition for Anti-Racist Education, it is an organization created by Mize in response to what she learned from the first semester of the Forum. What Mize feels is crucial from the Forum is that students are able to apply what they learn from the events to their education, making these events co-curricular and academically relevant. It is the Faculty Coalition's intention to bridge this gap.

"I learned that we really need to make a concerted effort to increase student participation, and that really led to the creati[on] of the coalition which is really focused on working with professors and instructors to integrate some of the opportunities into their course expectations," Mize said. "We need to center a focus on anti-racist education. It is not enough for us to pay lip service to being a diversity friendly school, we need to actively dismantle policies and procedures that are oppressive. I hope to be more active."

Mize likewise hopes that students become more engaged with the events sponsored by CGUP, offering feedback and suggestions. To this end, she said: "One of the things I would like to see happen is that as people learn more about CGUP and what we are doing on campus, that if they have priorities, needs or ideas that we are not addressing that they [feel] welcome to give input because I really want our agenda to be student-driven. I encourage students to communicate their priorities…we want to be responsive to what the needs are on campus."

Students are also encouraged to apply to the Peace and Global scholars program, which allows them to tailor their involvement according to their own professional goals and interests and to access funding from CGUP for study abroad or research.

Those seeking more information about CGUP and its plans for the Spring 2022 semester are encouraged to contact Dr. Mize directly (mizes@etown.edu), follow CGUP on social media (IG: @etown_cgup) or reach out to any members of the student leadership team.

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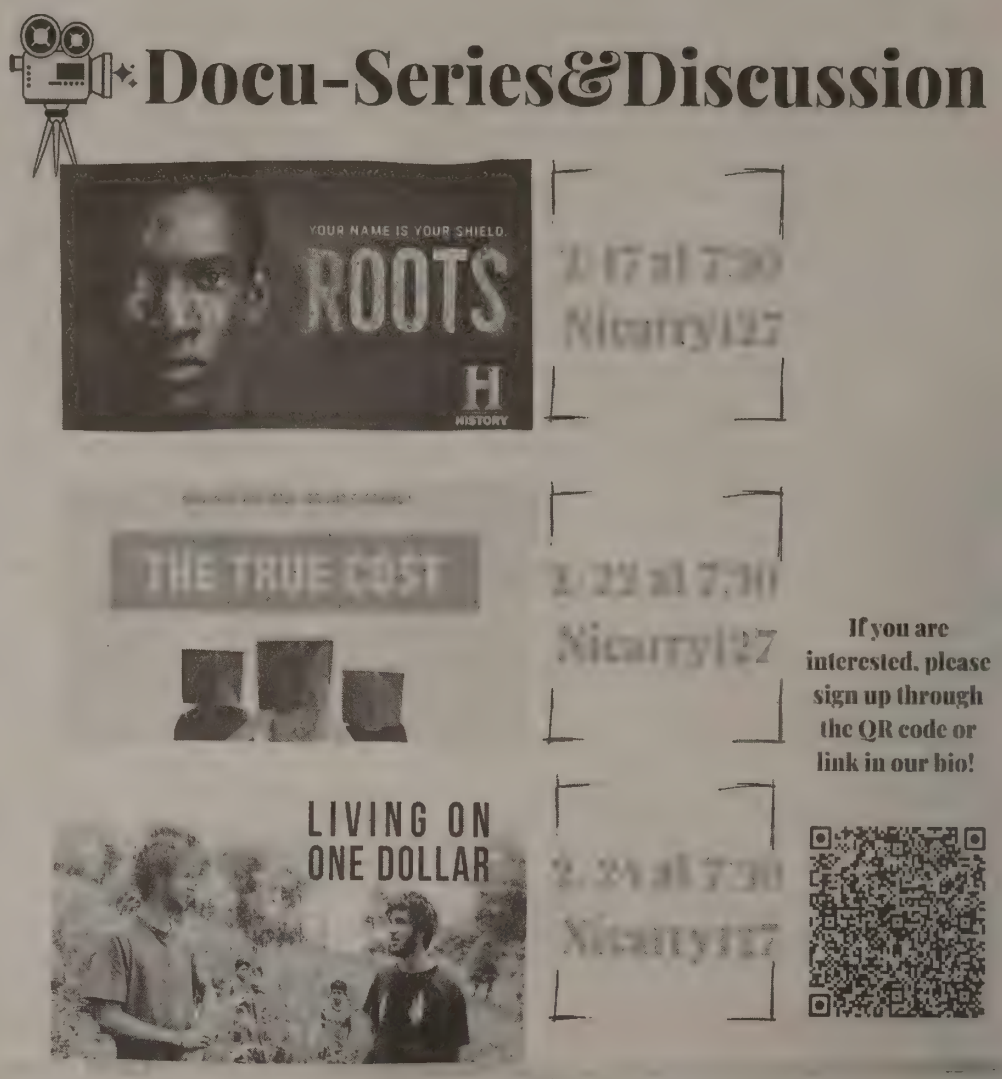
~Shannon Haley-Mize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CGUP focuses on educating students on issues related to global colonization and oppression.

Latinx/Hispanic Student Union hosts cultural game night

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On Friday, Feb. 5, Ismerai Miranda and the Latinx/Hispanic Student Union (LHSU) hosted a cultural game night. Hosts and attendees played Spanish games ranging from Loteria, UNO, Garbage, Mexican Train and Briscas. They also listened to Spanish music and had pizza and snacks.

Miranda is the president of the LHSU. She works with vice president Sarah Moscoso, secretary Cindy Tellez, treasurer Alicea Hernandez, and advisor Mr. Kayshen Morel. LHSU aims to build relationships and cultural development of Latinx and Hispanic students.

"We want this Union to be a safe place for Hispanic and Latinx students on campus. We can show our pride and our different cultures. I also intend to educate others that are interested in the different Hispanic cultures. In short terms, I want people who identify as Hispanic to be themselves and have fun," Miranda said.

Last year, former Associate Director of Intercultural Affairs within the Office of Diversity Ellis Bonds suggested that Miranda start the cultural club. The Union became official last semester.

"I was approached by the idea and started to round up other students that were interested in the idea to create LHSU," Miranda said.

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The Latinx/Hispanic Student Union hopes to educate others on different Hispanic cultures.

The game night was the first event the LHSU has had. The Union did it this semester due to setting up the club last semester. Every club member helped organize the event including Zulma Escalante and Zosia Proch.

"Sarah Moscoso, our vice president thought to bring Loteria, Mexican Train Dominoes and regular playing cards. Zulma Escalante brought UNO cards while Alicea Hernandez-Carpenter brought regular dominoes. I brought the snacks and Briscas cards. Our advisor, Kayshen Morel brought pizza for whoever came," Miranda explained.

Loteria is the Mexican version of Bingo. Briscas is a trick-taking card game—meaning that players play cards from their hands until the deck runs out. The purpose is to gain more points than the other players. In Mexican Train, the goal is to play as many dominoes as possible before everyone else.

Miranda and her helpers had little trouble organizing the event. It was easy to collect the games since she owned some of them.

"These games were picked because they were the first ones we thought of. They are pretty popular in [their] respective countries," Miranda said.

The game night was successful. It brought attention to many people with different cultural backgrounds. The environment and the Spanish music also made the atmosphere feel welcoming and relaxing.

"I did not expect so many people to come. I was even happy if five people came. But when people started coming in groups… I was so happy. It was also super amazing to see other people interested in learning new games they might have never heard before. At some point, we were all dancing the Bachata so that was fun. It really makes me happy to see people enjoy themselves, specially when it is something part of our culture," Miranda said.

Photo courtesy of Michael Cropper

Students gather to partake in cultural games on Feb 5.

Photo courtesy of Michael Cropper

The Latinx/Hispanic Student Union hosted a cultural game night for students to enjoy.

Attendees were interested in learning different cultural games. They played and taught each game to new players. UNO and Mexican Trains were competitive, but everyone had fun winning, losing and experimenting with different rules. Participants also received flower pens for winning games.

LHSU plans to do it again because of the success they had. Next time, changes will further improve the event.

"I will definitely do this again. No doubt. The only thing I'd change is… reserving a bigger room and more games," Miranda said.

Etown celebrates Black History Month

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As February begins, so does the celebration of Black History Month here at Elizabethtown College. The Department of Diversity, Equity and Belonging has worked with other departments to hold events in celebration and for education to further open the conversation between different identities on campus. Other groups, such as the Beloved Community Collective are also working to promote Black History Month in order to facilitate recognition and racial healing on campus.

Associate Director of the Department of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Darcey Mills spoke on the importance of understanding the historical impact and the impact of students today. He spoke about how highlighting these achievements and contributions allows us as a community to further the discussion and connect with each other, joining our strongest voices in efforts to enact change. It is important, not just this month, but every month to come together and connect as a community.

"Leaning on Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for peace through resistance to combat oppression in the community is the goal," Mills said.

The Department of Diversity, Equity and Belonging works to create and improve the Etown campus' climate, finding ways to bring students together in understanding. The Department's efforts to enact change stems from their goals: to affirm commitment to diversity and inclusive excellence, create a welcoming environment, allow for cross-cultural interactions, foster a diverse learning experience for all and to create a diverse and welcoming campus. Mills says all students are welcomed to assist in the preparation and creation of events, and in the past have worked with and without the Department to start events they believe will create a new or affirming experience for Etown.

The events planned for Black History Month are meant to promote racial healing, education and connection between students.

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Department recognizes Black History Month

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Mills adds that some of the main goals this year are to promote Black health and wellness and start the conversation about reconciliation and how we move forward as a community. The events allow for the student body to understand the history they might not have learned and how that affects our society today.

Some events celebrating Black History Month took place earlier this month and late last month, such as The Black History Month Flag Raising on the first day of the month. There are still upcoming events you can attend, such as the Ujima Dialogue Series on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. with the Department of Diversity, Equity and Belonging, and many more throughout February. There are events both here on campus and over Zoom. For more information regarding these events, visit the Department of Diversity, Equity and Belonging's page at www.etown.edu/

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Elizabethtown College celebrates Black History Month. The Office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging has hosted a variety of events during February for this observance.

Reception held for new CCCE director

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On Friday, Feb. 4th, the Elizabethtown College Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) held a reception in recognition of the new Director of CCCE, Javita Thompson. The reception was held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Bowers Writers House, and was a stop-and-go event.

Thompson asked all those who attended to write their dream for the CCCE down onto the index card. Her goal is then to take all these dreams and make them possible.

For the Director of Bowers Writers House and Community Impact Coordinator Jesse Waters, his dream is to help create more engagement into the Writers House.

"I would love to see a greater use of the Bowers Writers House as a locus for receptions, mini conferences, seminars, etc. for both our on- and off-campus communities," Waters said.

"I dream of having all our old trips and service opportunities come back as they were before COVID while still building and expanding what our office does..." ~Cassandra DeBacco

Junior Student Office Assistant for CCCE Cassandra DeBacco attended the event, not only to support Thompson but also to hear the others dreams for the CCCE office.

"I dream of having all our old trips and service opportunities come back as they were before COVID while still building and expanding what our office does to service Etown, surrounding communities and people at large as we have always done," DeBacco said.

"Based on our belief that learning is most noble when used to benefit others, the Center for Community and Civic Engagement fosters opportunities for meaningful and reciprocal relationships between Elizabethtown College and the community," the mission of the CCCE states, according to the Etown website.

While the CCCE pushes for different service opportunities, they provide some on campus resources for students including the Blue Jay Food Pantry. The pantry is open 24/7 to all students, and holds a variety of snacks, canned goods, toiletries and more.

Thompson has also been working with Executive Student Senate Treasurer Kyle Cappucci to partner with Senate on creating a Professional Attire Closet, which would allow students to get business professional clothes at no cost to them.

Thompson has quickly gotten to work in her new position, and this could be cited from the work at her previous employments. She spent around nine years working at Millersville University and around five years working at Shippensburg University.

"I started our first-year experience program at Shippensburg and also did community engagement alongside that," Thompson said. "So working with faculty as well as students has always been something that I've done throughout my high education career."

Throughout her time working in higher education, Thompson has always loved getting to work collaboratively with other people. She also has always worked with the aspect of service and community in mind.

"Most people don't necessarily have the opportunity to build relationships and connect with community folks, but each role that I've had, has always afforded me that opportunity," Thompson said. "I like to consider myself someone who is all [about] building relationships that are helpful not just to the community but also to the students so that they can gain some practical experience."

Upcoming events for the CCCE office include Day of Service on April 1st and for the fall semester, Into the Streets on Oct. 22.

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Elizabethtown College hosts a reception in recognition for new director of CCCE, Javita Thompson.

What are the stars bringing for you this Valentine's Day?

By: Lauren Robitaille

Aries

This may be a time of reevaluation for Aries placements which could involve stepping away from situations that are no longer suiting you. This may be difficult at first, but reflecting on your own needs will make room for new connections and relations that will serve you well.

Taurus

For the Taurus placement, displaying courage and confidence will be intertwined in the stars. Take a chance and ask that person in your class out on a date to the nearest fair you will not be disappointed. However, you choose to celebrate Valentine's Day this year, do so with gusto.

Gemini

Expressing your thoughts and feelings to those you cherish is a great way to remind them that they are on your mind. This could be a handwritten card, a spontaneous text message, or a phone call. Expressing yourself is good for the soul, yours and theirs.

Cancer

Cancers, you have been on your best behavior lately, and it hasn't gone unnoticed. The people around you and your own heart are ready for new relationships to spring forth from you at this time. Whether you are looking for a first date or are looking to love yourself better, fostering deeper connections is a great way to spend Valentine's Day.

Leo

Leos, it's time to embrace your inner lion this Valentine's Day. Don't be afraid to take some risks and go after what you want. Use that fire in your belly to focus on your passions and fostering relationships.

Virgo

The end of a cycle and the beginning of a new one is coming your way, Virgos. You have the power to decide what your life looks like and who you have in it. Be open to the changes that may happen now as they are the product of taking control.

Libra

For Libras, it's time to let your hair down and enjoy some exciting and little things in life. Going out for coffee, meeting up for brunch or cooking delicious food. Life is full of opportunities, but you must be willing to become open to them. Don't be afraid to try something new and don't let anyone stop you.

Scorpio

As the constellations begin to align, people begin to get warm and cozy. Picking up the slow and laid-back vibes may be good for Scorpio placements. Brunch with a pet, taking a hike or even just sitting on the newly opened campus can be a must. Be sure and wear your favorite shoes.

Sagittarius

It's time to clarify exactly what you want at this moment and not what you think you should want. It's important to clear away unnecessary distractions and go after whatever you desire. Think deeply about what might be best for you and be confident in your decisions.

Capricorn

Look at the areas of your life that may be holding you back. Acknowledge them and then let them go. Only when you release what is important will you be open to the new opportunities and connections that will come your way.

Aquarius

With the day of love in the month of love, there are many ways to spread kindness and generosity. Spend quality time with friends and family, or engage in things that are fun. Now is the time to step out of your comfort zone and be open to meeting new people. Whether you're looking for a new friend or a new partner, you're sure to find someone who is willing to spend time with you.

Pisces

Slow down and really take care of yourself this Valentine's Day. Treating yourself to a day of self-care may include giving a little love to your heart. Take the time to really check in with yourself and see how you are doing emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Asking Abby's Advice

Get some advice for staying on top of your workload

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Procrastination is a word familiar to many, a trap people often fall into when they feel unmotivated, bored or stressed. In the moment, it may seem like a good choice. For example, I think it's an excellent choice for me to write this article on procrastination rather than getting to work on the essay I have due in two days. Will I regret it later? Maybe. But, just as many skilled procrastinators often do, I have a knack for finding ways to motivate myself and pull myself out of a procrastination rut to get my most important assignments finished.

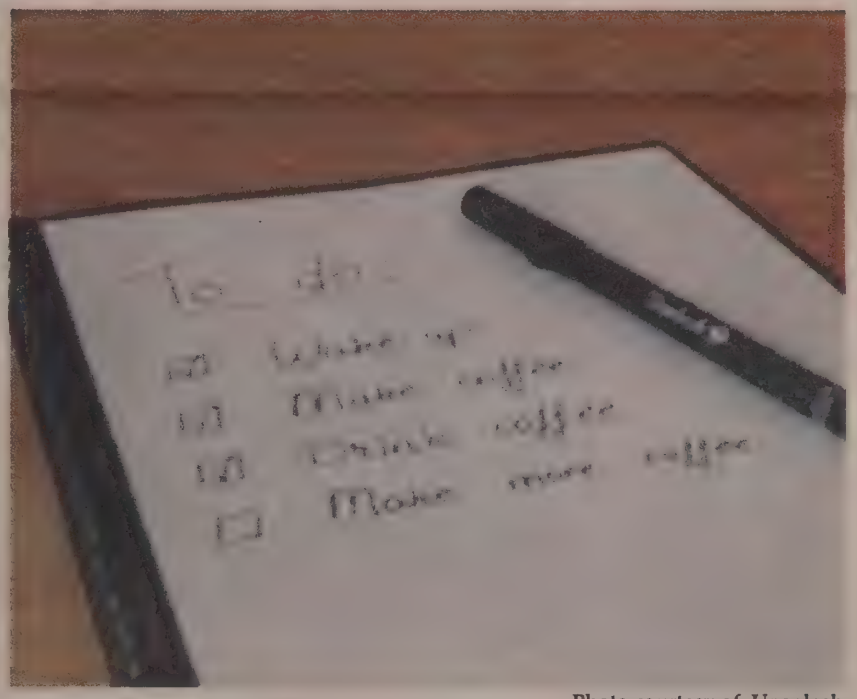
One of the biggest reasons people may procrastinate a task or assignment is because they simply aren't feeling motivated. For that, an expert procrastinator may recommend a few remedies. First, they may suggest starting a different task first, a chore or homework assignment that may be less stressful and is easier to complete. This can help a procrastinator focus their mind on their work, which helps them at least complete one task and prepares them for another.

A different tip is to start small. Beginning a new assignment, chore or essay is always the hardest part, so try to break it up! Do some casual research on a topic (no notetaking needed), read the assignment requirements or format the essay's title page. Oftentimes, starting a task can pique the procrastinator's interest or make them feel motivated enough to keep going for longer than they may have originally intended.

While not every assignment may have this flexibility, another solution to a lack of motivation is to search for it! Finding a topic or creative way to present the information can both challenge and engage a bored student. If this isn't possible, there are other ways to jump-start a procrastinator: listening to upbeat music, ASMR videos or study playlists can all be great tools to boost energy or enhance focus.

When none of these tricks work or sound appealing, maybe what someone really needs is a reset. Sometimes, people can't find the motivation to get something done no matter how hard they try. They may find themselves scrolling through social media sites, taking naps or doing crafts to avoid schoolwork. During these times, the best thing to do may actually be procrastinating. Taking time for self-care is an important way to recharge: showering, having a snack and getting a glass of water may be just what someone needs to focus on schoolwork. Having time to take a deep breath and getting some space away from devices and obligations may improve mental health, which in turn can be a motivator to work on a school assignment. The feeling of productivity when the assignment is completed can improve mental health even more, creating a more positive cycle.

Of course, these are just a few of the many tips and tricks to battle procrastination. Each person is different, and with time can find their own favorite ways to motivate themselves to do schoolwork. For me, this could be writing a compelling and perfectly worded advice article. Others may have different tactics, like reading the Etownian before tackling a major research paper, but having a handful of different tricks can help spark even a chronic procrastinator's motivation.



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Conquer your to-do list today with some friendly tips from Abby.

Restaurant Review: My Place Italian

Find out why this Etown restaurant should be your hangout place

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My first time visiting My Place Italian was last year during my spring semester. My friend, who is now a sophomore international business major and French minor, Meghan Murray accompanied me. It was a random weekday where we were tired of Marketplace food, and we thought we deserved a special outing after nearly surviving our first year of college.

We spent a decent amount perusing Google Maps searching for a good restaurant to eat at. Finally, we settled on My Place Italian. Instantly, I knew this was going to be a spot that we talked about often.

I do not remember much of that first visit. I did visit there last semester for my 20th birthday, but I decided I needed to refresh my memory for my article review. As a result, Murray and I ventured back to our favorite spot. I'm pretty sure we even sat in the same booth.

"It reminds me of my hometown, small, family restaurant where I work as a hostess," Murray said. "It's nice to have a small piece of home while I'm away for so long."

My Place Italian is not your traditional sit-down restaurant. When you walk in, you are greeted by a menu on the wall. You place your order at the front counter with the friendly cashier, and then you go sit wherever you desire.

Drinks are self-serve, and you get unlimited refills. The best part, in my opinion, is that they have Barq's root beer. The service is extremely fast, and you will have your dinner in no-time.

Although My Place Italian has Italian in the name, it also serves a variety of different delicacies. Of course, you can order classic Italian food like spaghetti and lasagne, but you can also order quesadillas, a variety of salads, different subs and pizza.

"I love the variety of Italian, Mexican and American cuisine," Murray said. "The mozzarella sticks are my favorite part though!"

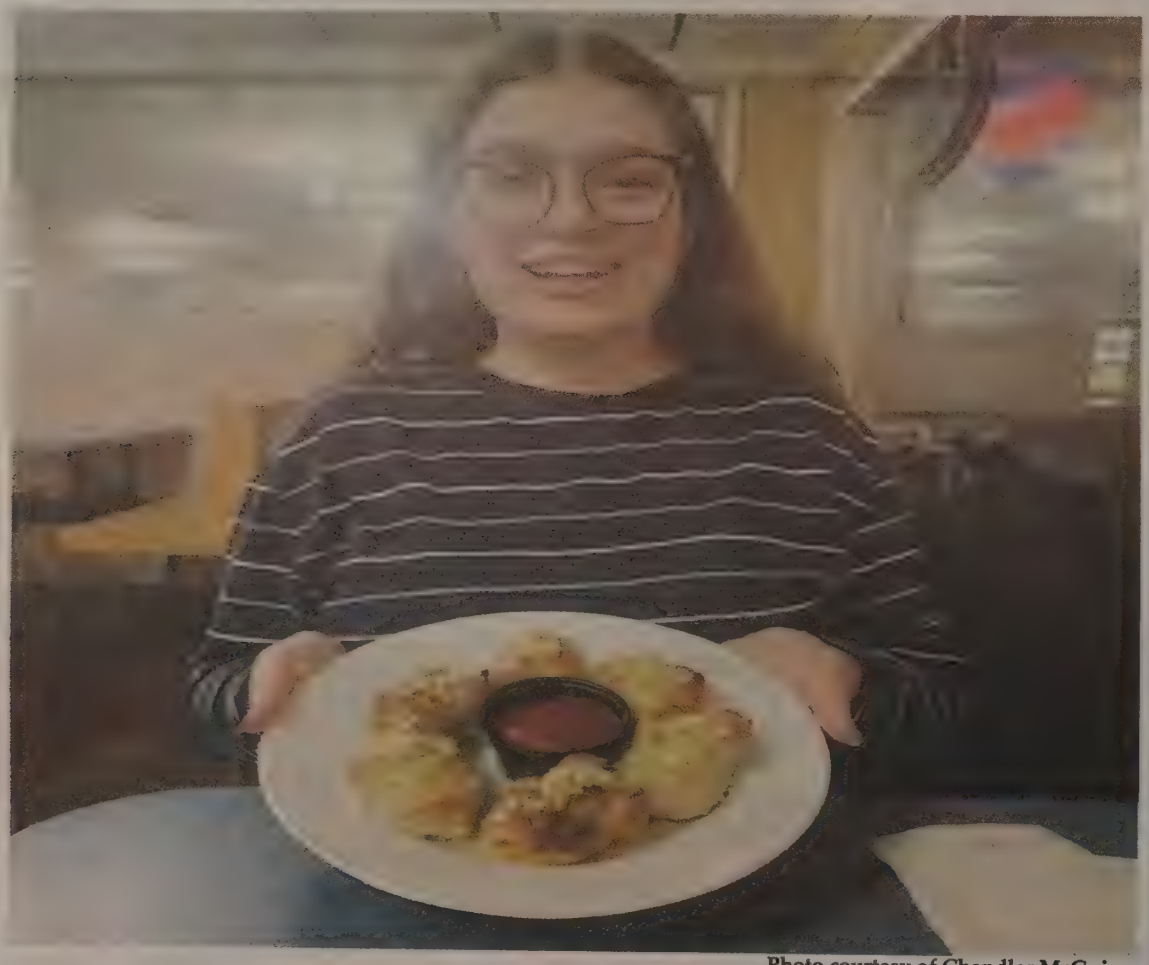
The great thing about My Place Italian is that the prices are unbeatable. Normally, italian restaurants cost an arm and a leg, so I was pleasantly surprised that I only paid only twenty dollars for my meal and that included appetizers.

I've tried three meals at My Place Italian. My first visit, I had the gnocchi. The second one, for my birthday, I had the chicken parm. The third visit, I had the chicken parm sub. All three of these dishes I can honestly say were delicious and satisfactory. I found that each meal filled me up and that I was not hungry for the rest of the night.

Murray and I agree that the best part of My Place Italian is the atmosphere. The lighting is not harsh and the music is nostalgic. Plus, the booths are comfortable.

My Place Italian is the perfect place to spend some time eating good food and talking about whatever comes to mind with good company. For example, this time, Murray and I spent probably too much time talking about our appreciation for Bobby from Netflix's "Queer Eye."

My Place Italian is truly a hidden gem in the Elizabethtown community. If you get bored of the Marketplace or tired of ordering the same quesadilla from the Jay's Nest every night, head on over to My Place Italian! You are sure to have a meal and an experience that you will never forget!



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Meghan Murray poses with the amazing garlic knots that we ordered as an appetizer from My Place Italian.

The Weekly Treat

Natalie's Nutella hack with apple silces

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What's going on my Crumb Crew, it's your favorite food reviewer back for your Weekly Treat. Though this will be my second entry, I've decided to premier a hot take on a new item I've tried this past week: Nutella dipped apple slices.

I was hesitant at first to try Nutella, on the account that I am not a huge fan of nuts or nutty tasting things. My picky eater bias aside, Nutella is a more situational choice for a snack. For example, it's a perfect dipping food for parties, desserts and picnics, where you can have a proper sit down and enjoy it. If you were to ever take a serving lounging on a couch or lazily left out, however, the mess Nutella can leave behind will be very challenging to pick up after.

I also tried two different kinds of apples to see if one was favorable over the other, but even with one sour and one sweet apple, the Nutella always overpowered it to the point where even the smallest amount would show through.

In my opinion, in order to pair two foods together, it has to work similar to color theory. There needs to be some sort of balance between the flavors, otherwise they either overpower one, clash together or just not work all together. This however, doesn't mean that having too similar tastes works. In that case, it negates adding anything new to the palette.

I am in no way slamming anyone who likes Nutella, on the contrary, I can certainly see the appeal of it. But if you have sensitive or picky taste in what you eat like I do, it can really offset and desensitize you from the snack experience.

After all, no one wants to sit through a snack they don't like.

So for me, as much as I believe fruit can always work with chocolate, the Nutella dipped fruit gets a 4/10.

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Nutella is a popular spread that is used on sandwiches, ice cream, and as dip.

The Students of Etown

Meet Destiny Troy and learn about how she started serving up drinks at Elizabethtown's famous Blue Bean Cafe

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that their story is important. One such example is the tale of senior Destiny Troy.

Troy is from the heart of Pittsburgh, Pa. She is an alum of City Charter High school in downtown Pittsburgh, which has been recognized as one of the best performing charter schools in the United States. Being from the western side of the state, Troy has had to learn some of the culture of Central Pennsylvania.

"I thought it was Land-cas-ter," Troy said. "Then, my roommate said that it was Lanc-as-ter, and I didn't know about that."

Troy found Etown because her sister is a 2018 alum. It was not her first choice college, but after some convincing, she applied and got accepted.

Now that she is here, Troy has decided to major in political science and minor in history. However, this was not the path that she had originally thought she was going to take.

"When I was in high school, I had this idea that I was going to be a journalist," Troy said. "And then, I realized I didn't have enough patience for that."

While she reconfigured her life goals, Troy realized that she had an inner passion for politics. She started attending protests and rallies which sparked something inside of her. Troy discovered a love for working with people and a need to help her community.

"I would rather work in a nonprofit to be closer to the little people that make up a society rather than working with politicians that tend to be corrupt," Troy explained.

Troy still has some time to go before she can enter the real world, so now, she's working at the College's Blue Bean, which proudly serves Starbucks coffee. Her job is a fairly recent one. Troy applied for the job last semester, immediately got the job and started working as soon as possible. Now, she picks up shifts whenever she can. Troy's new employment comes from the recommendation of her roommate.

"She started working here, and she described the process," Troy said. "I thought I could use a few extra bucks."

Her favorite drink to make is the infamous Pink Drink, sometimes called Pinkity Drinkity by social media influencers and YouTube beauty gurus. This drink was actually a secret menu item that Starbucks added to their long menu after it grew in popularity.

On the other hand, there is one new and popular drink that Troy just is not a fan of brewing.

"The oat milk espresso," Troy said. "I don't know what it is about it, but whenever I'm making it, it makes me nauseous."

When it comes to actually drinking the Blue Bean's beverages herself, Troy is not particular about her choice of coffee. She will drink any hot latte, as long as it is made with extra foam.

Next time you see Troy working hard in the Blue Bean to caffeinate the sleep-deprived college students, make sure to say hi and maybe shy away from the oat milk espressos!

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Destiny Troy enters a customer's order and gets ready to prepare their drink.

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The Lunar New Year

Learn more about the Asian holiday and its celebrations

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Happy New Year! On Feb. 1, people all across the world celebrated Lunar New Year, the day that marks the beginning of the Lunar Calendar. Lunar New Year is celebrated mainly in East Asia, specifically China, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam. Depending on the country, you can see a variety of ways that is celebrated. Such as in China, Lunar New Year is signified with the use of red decorations, exchanging gifts and watching the dragon or lion dances.

In Korea, the Lunar New Year is called Seollal. An important aspect of the week-long celebration in Korea is Sebae, a ritual which emphasizes showing respect toward elders and is unique to Korea. Regardless of what country that celebrates Lunar you happen to be in, in late Jan. or early Feb., every country celebrates the holiday by meeting with family, eating delicious food and in showing respect or honoring ancestors.

You don't have to travel halfway across the world to celebrate this very exciting holiday. Many people right here in the United States take time to celebrate the culture and significant meaning behind Lunar New Year. Every year San Francisco hosts the biggest Lunar New Year parade in the United States. These parades emulate much of what you would see during the celebrations in Asia. With them come the same food, decorations, costumes and rituals you would expect to see in East and Southeast Asia.

The Asian Cultural Association has worked to create awareness of the important holiday. By discussing the holiday at their meetings and sharing information about the holiday on their social media, they have worked to start a conversation about the culturally significant holiday on campus. As the Asian Cultural Student Association continues to expand, president Joanna Shultz has big things planned for next year's celebration. "In future years we would like to hold a much larger celebration to involve the whole campus as the Lunar New Year is an extremely important holiday for people who are Asian as well as Asian-American" Joanna Shultz said. An event like this would surely work toward their goal of creating an inclusive environment at Etown, and to spread Asian culture to students who may have otherwise not had an opportunity to be exposed to it.

It is not just people here at Etown that are hoping for more recognition and acknowledgement of this important, predominantly East Asian holiday. Currently there is a proposal in the United States House of Representatives to make the Lunar New Year a federal holiday. Making Lunar New Year a federal holiday would be a significant move to ensure that the communities that celebrate the holiday get the proper recognition for their culture and heritage. It would send a message to people within the Asian community that celebrate the holiday that this is an important aspect that makes up what it means to be American and that this holiday is valued by all Americans.

Lunar New Year is a huge holiday for much of the world, and there is a significant amount of people here in the United States that celebrate this worldwide holiday. Despite the amount of people that celebrate the holiday here in the US there is still work to be done to make sure that the holiday gets the recognition that it deserves, which is why work being done by organizations like the Asian Cultural Student Association is important. Next year, Lunar New Year falls on Jan. 22, we look forward to celebrating it with you!

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2022 is the year of the Tiger according to Chinese zodiacs.

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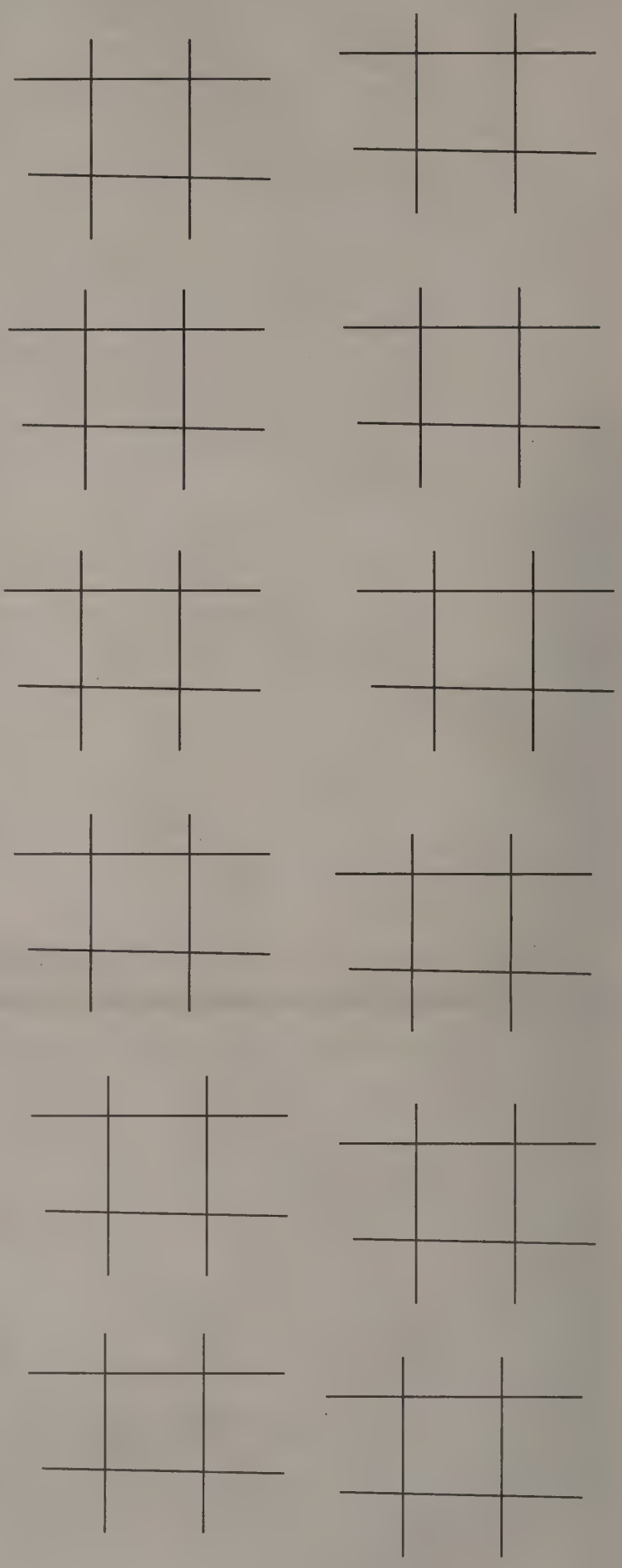

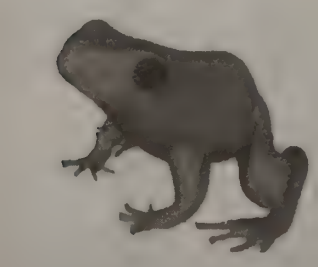

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Etown wins against Catholic University

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Feb. 6 in the Thompson Gym at Elizabethtown College, the Etown men's basketball team defeated the Catholic University Cardinals 67-66. With the win, the Blue Jays move to 8-12 on the season. The Cardinals took their sixth loss of the season, putting them at 13-6. It was a back and forth battle all day. It would come down to the final possession. The Blue Jays knocked down a three-ball with three seconds to go and held off the Cardinals' final effort for the win.

Sophomore guard Jared Archer from Reisterstown, Md. was the hero in Sunday's game. Archer knocked down the game-winning shot wrapping up a great afternoon. "I was very confident in that shot because it's a shot I work on often," Archer mentioned after the game. He finished with 11 points on 63 percent shooting from the field, to go along with three assists and three rebounds. Fellow guard senior Jalin Robinson from Newcastle, Del., led the team in scoring with an exceptional 24 points, shooting 50 percent from downtown.

For the Cardinals, it was sophomore Jesse Hafemeister from Mendham, N. J. leading the team in scoring with 22 points. Sophomore guard Colby Martins from Irvington, N.Y. got hot from behind the three-point line late, finishing with 17 points and Jake Timby also got into double digits tallying 12 points.

Etown would start red hot in the first half scoring nine points before the Cardinals could even make a basket. Catholic would begin to go on a run of their own following a timeout with 16:52 to go in the first half, closing the gap to just one and pushing Etown to their limits for the rest of the half. With one last possession before time expired, Catholic's Martins was able to tie the game at 34 into the locker rooms with a three-pointer with just four seconds to go in the half.

The Blue Jays came out firing on all cylinders to begin the second half, going up by as many as 11 with 13:40 to play. However, like the first half, the Cardinals would find their rhythm and slowly narrow that gap. They found themselves on top for the first time since the 19-minute mark after another three from Martins with 7 minutes to go. After Catholic opened things up to a 5-point lead, Etown buckled down on defense, setting themselves up for a final shot. Robinson made his way up the floor and found Archer for the game-winning three-pointer. Catholic's last-second prayer came up short, as Etown hung on to win.

"I thought that was our best 40 minutes of the season," Etown Coach Moore said. "We've had some tight games and this group just keeps working." The Blue Jays look to make it two in a row this week.Sophomore Jared Archer added, "Now we will have one day to get ready for Juniata on Wednesday and hope to see a great crowd." The game is scheduled for Saturyday, February 13 at 2 p.m. in the Thompson Gym.

The College Store takes on the Bowers Center apparel pieces

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Over last summer, with the idea of promoting and releasing their own athletic apparel, the team at the Elizabethtown College Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being decided to start working on a new line of merchandise for students and employees to wear. From hoodies and sweatpants to crewneck sweatshirts and leggings, the new apparel combines the Bowers Center logo with some of the classic Etown colors, as well as some newly-implemented pride designs.

"Usually, students go into the Bowers and see the same merch every single day, so we wanted to mix things up and bring some new apparel to the forefront," Director of the Bowers Center Whitney Crull said. "While trying to switch things around we ended up partnering with the College store, so that they would sell some of our apparel and we would sell some of their athletic merch as well."

Merchandise Manager of the College store Wendy Gibble said that the new Bowers Center apparel has been available for sale since Jan. 25. "Selling wise, things can sometimes be a bit slow at Bowers," Gibble said. "So promoting the newly released merch has been a top priority of the College store since its release at the end of January."

When asked about the design and production of the new apparel, Crull mentioned the College's ongoing relationship with Rockhound Apparel, a company from Robesonia, Pa. "We have worked with them before for some of our staff uniforms, and students really seem to like their material,"Crull said. "Our new line of sports apparel was done in conjunction with them. They've been really great at helping us design the apparel, what works well, what looks good."

The entire team at the Bowers Center mentioned how they would be happy to receive feedback about the new apparel, and any suggestions on what students are looking for in their recreation and athletic wear.

Excitement rises for Super Bowl

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This Sunday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m., the Los Angeles Rams will take on the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl 56.

The game will take place at SoFi Stadium, which happens to be the LA Rams' home stadium.

Both teams won in dramatic fashion two weeks ago in their conference championship games.

The Rams beat the San Francisco 49ers and the Rams beat the Kansas City Chiefs in overtime.

The focus has been on the quarterbacks, as both have had great seasons, and neither of the two has ever been to a Super Bowl.

Joe Burrow, the second-year quarterback for the Bengals, has dominated the field and has become everyone's favorite quarterback off the field.

The Bengals have not been to a Super Bowl since 1988.

In a press conference, when asked how he is getting ready for the big game, Burrow responded, "It just feels like another week. Obviously, it's the Super Bowl, and we're going to have to try to eliminate as many distractions as we can but it feels normal."

Burrow is known to be a relaxed figure off the field, and that's shown through his calm nature about Sunday's game.

This will be the Ram's first Super Bowl since they moved to Los Angeles.

Rams' quarterback Matthew Stafford, who has been with the Detroit Lions until this year, was never able to get to a Super Bowl until joining the Rams.

Stafford has been in the league since 2009 and has much more experience than Burrow.

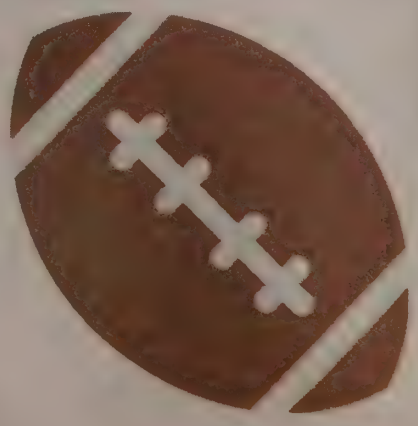
The Rams are favored to win this week, despite a list of questionable players that includes star tight end Tyler Higbee.

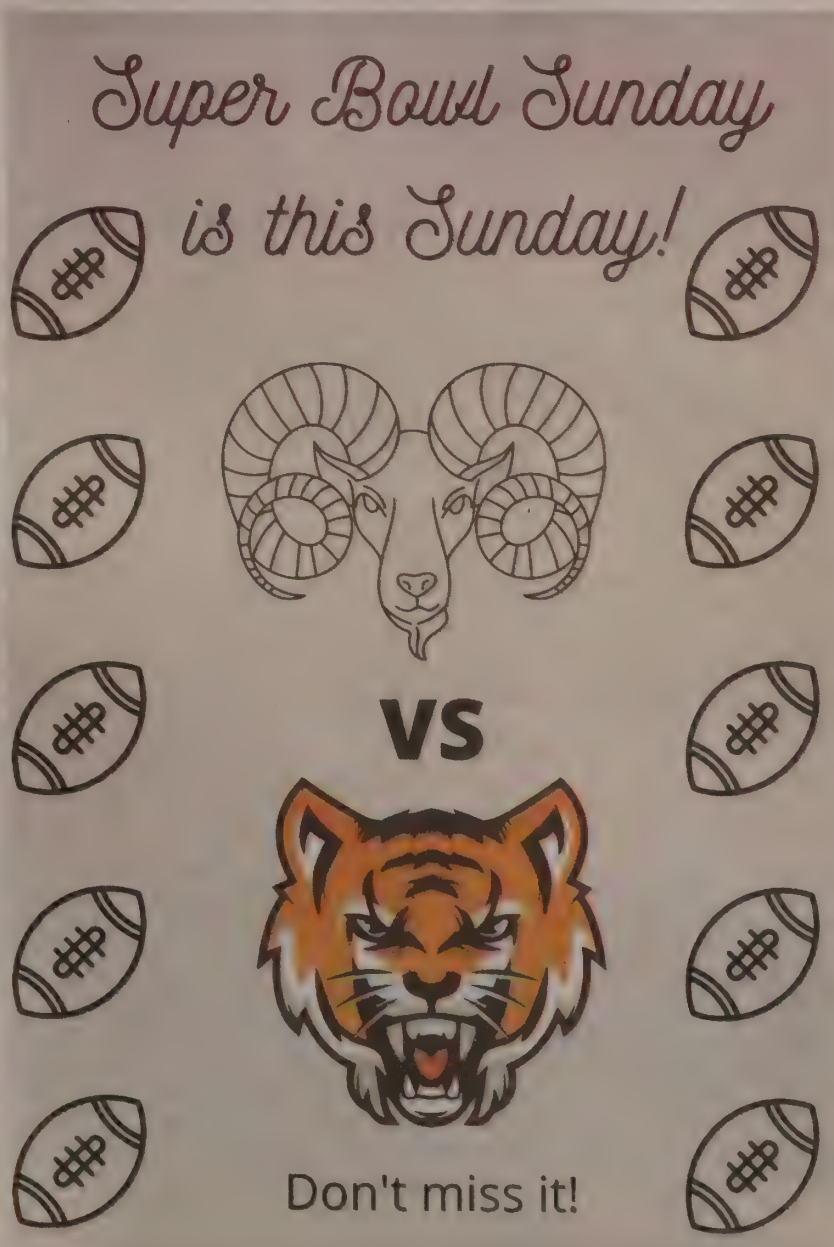
The Rams have a deep lineup, and many are not concerned about the list of questionable players.

If you aren't a fan of football, you will still want to watch because of the halftime show.

This year the NFL got a star lineup to perform that includes Eminem, Snoop Dogg, Kendrick Lamar, Mary J. Blige and Dr. Dre.

The halftime show is expected to start around 8 p.m. but will depend on how long the first half takes.





Elizabethtown College hosts Pop Up Lawn Games

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The Elizabethtown College High Library and Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being recently came together to offer students a way to relieve stress or take a break from studying. It is an event called "Pop Up Lawn Games." The purpose of the lawn games is to give students a mental break and to interact more with their peers.

The lawn games will be found in the library's IDEA lab from now until Feb. 18. Some of the games that can be found in the IDEA lab are: cornhole, croquet and balloon tennis. There are even exercise/stability balls that you can sit on while studying. There are also jump ropes you can use to take a bit of a break.

If you have never tried cornhole or croquet or balloon tennis, here is a bit of background on each.

Cornhole is a popular game that consists of a platform (typically a 48 by 24 inch) made of wood, with a hole in the center towards the back. It also requires the use of beanbags and 4 players.

The goal of the game is for you and your partner to throw the beanbags either onto the platform or into the hole to score points.

However, you are playing against another pair. The goal is to get to 21 points before the other team.

Croquet is a game that is based on roque, which is a game where you use mallets to hit a ball into wickets. You need a colored ball and a mallet (one for each player) nine wickets and two stakes.

The goal of the game is to hit your ball through all the wickets and to hit both stakes to win. On your first move you put your ball close to the first of the stakes. You then hit the ball towards the wicket.

If you get the ball through the wicket, you can take another turn. If you miss the wicket on your next turn, your turn is over and the next player goes. If either you or someone hits another player's ball, you can go again. This part of the game can be frustrating because your opponent can knock you really far out of the way if they hit your ball correctly. This is not in the rules, but some people I have played with have called this kind of move a "bye bye ball."

Once you get about halfway through the course, you need to hit your ball towards the second stake. If the ball misses, it is the next player's turn. If it hits, similar to if a ball goes through the wickets, you can go again. The point of the game is to get your ball through the wickets and hit both stakes before your opponents.

Balloon tennis is exactly what it sounds like: tennis with a balloon instead of a tennis ball.

The goal of balloon tennis is to score points based on shots that make it difficult for your opponent to return.

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Elizabethtown College hosts various lawn games including cornhole, croquet and balloon tennis through Feb. 18.

Video Game Review: Mario Tennis Aces

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"Mario Tennis Aces" was a game released in June of 2018. The game is one of many sports games in Nintendo's Mario franchise and is one of the more recent iterations.

Mario games are normally games that have no story and are just basic platforming games, but "Mario Tennis Aces" added a solo "story mode" for players to enjoy. The story is a very basic and straightforward idea with the famous Mario and his brother Luigi enjoying a game of tennis against Wario and Waluigi. The evil duo had taken a powerful tennis racket, named Lucien, from the ancient Bask Ruins. Lucien possesses Luigi, Wario and Waluigi leaving it up to Mario and Toad to adventure across the Kingdom of Bask to stop Lucien from gathering five power stones to defeat him once and for all.

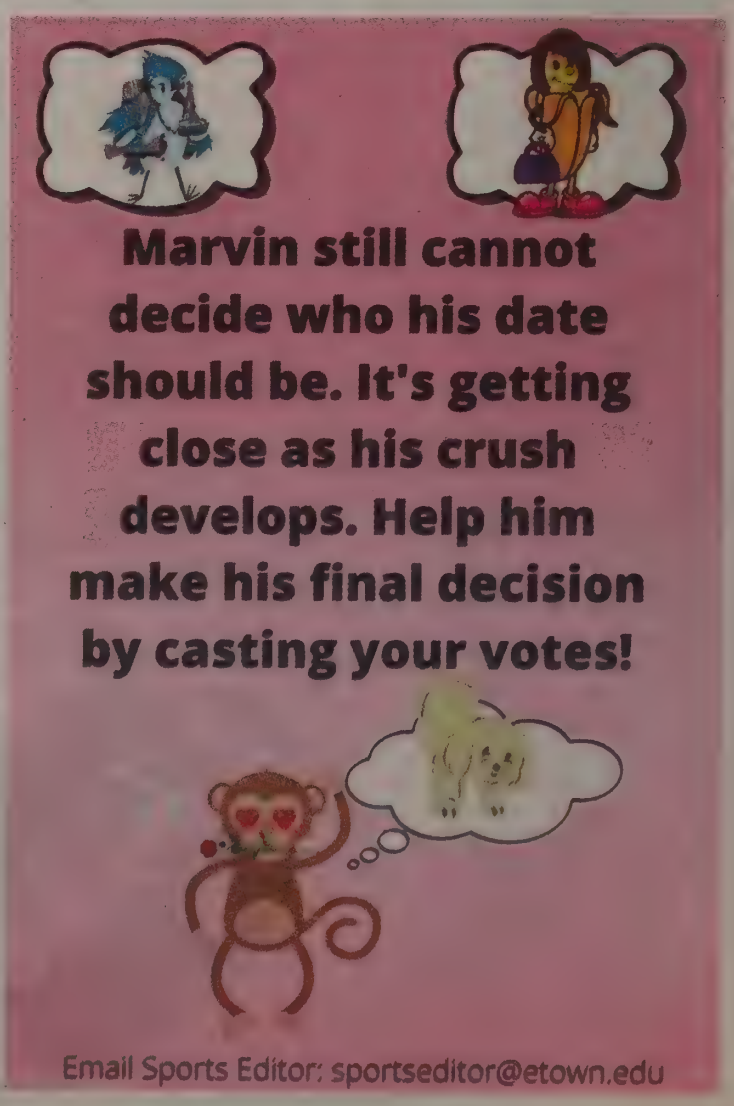
The game features various modes for players to enjoy that all function as you would expect. There is a tournament mode, a co-op challenge mode, a free play mode and an online variation of all these modes. Within the free play mode, there are several other modes such as big ball, special game and rally challenge. Each of these modes offer a different and interesting take on the game and have their own gameplay mechanics that add some extra flavor to the game.

It features several playable characters from the Mario franchise. It has fan favorites that everyone would expect such as Mario, Luigi and Princess Peach. The game also added some interesting choices to its roster that you wouldn't expect as well such as Chain Chomp, Blooper and Luma.

One of the most important parts of a good game is having good and easy to understand controls. "Mario Tennis Aces" has very simplistic controls that are easy to pick and play for anyone of any age but also has enough different controls and options in the game to keep it enjoyable and different in each game.

Overall, "Mario Tennis Aces" is an interesting and welcoming entry to the Mario franchise. The game's varying features and gameplay options allows for many play styles for any player and various ways to play. The controls are simple enough to just pick up and play with enough variety to keep the game interesting. The game has a unique and well-designed roster of playable characters that allows fans to pick characters they normally wouldn't be able to. The game's story, while not the most creative and interesting, allows players to enjoy the game even if they wish to be alone.

This game is unlike most Mario games that you will see nowadays but does a good job of showing the possibilities the franchise has. It also does a good job as a simple and fun game to play with family or as a party game.


Marvin still cannot decide who his date should be. It's getting close as his crush develops. Help him make his final decision by casting your votes!
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Dining Services suffering severe staffing shortages

Photo courtesy of Gabby Caudill
Fewer workers has led to reduced hours for the Fresh Nest and no Jay Truck.

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Elizabethtown College students have noticed a lot of changes pertaining to Dining Services this semester. These changes largely stem from a staffing shortage that has forced Dining to have shorter hours for some food places on campus, give student workers longer hours and to tragically shut down the Jay Truck.

Dining Services Assistant Manager Austin Benner confirmed the staffing shortage in an interview. "There is a severe staffing shortage," Benner said. "Luckily since Etown is a smaller school, other departments have seen our struggles and have offered a helping hand. We have coworkers from other departments coming in after their shifts to [help]."

"The Fresh Nest is now only open 3 to 8 p.m.," digital media productions and graphic design major Sarah Moscoso said. "And the Jay Truck is not open either, so it has been disappointing for me and my friends."

To put it in perspective, the Fresh Nest used to be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the Jay Truck was open Friday and Saturday 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. last semester. The Fresh Nest is now operating for two hours less than it did in the fall, while the Jay Truck is not operating at all.

When asked what factors are causing the shortage, Benner said, "We have to compete with other businesses in Elizabethtown and surrounding towns for applicants. Many people also do not want to work in the food service industry anymore."

"We also do not have the student employment involvement as we have had in years past," Benner added. "Dining Services used to be the largest student employer on campus, which has drastically changed over the past two years."

Most of the students interviewed for this article cited low wages as a reason for the shortages, saying that the Senate's work to increase the minimum wage by $1 was not enough. "Why would people work at Dining Services if they could drive down the road and get paid twice as much as they do here?" Moscoso, who is also a senate representative for the class of 2024, said.

"I think nobody wants to work in Dining Services because the pay is not ideal," an anonymous Dining Services student worker said.

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Etown gets largest applicant pool in past five years

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For the past two years, the enrollment and applicant pool at Elizabethtown College has continued to increase. In fact, Etown has reached its largest application pool in the past five years. There are many reasons why these numbers are increasing.

There are several departments working tirelessly to promote the College and to show prospective students why Etown may be the right school for them.

One of these departments is the admissions office. Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Adam Smith and his team are key players.

Smith credits the many virtual events Etown has hosted for broadening the College's reach to other parts of Pennsylvania and neighboring states.

"The virtual events are great because if a student doesn't have a means of transportation or they don't feel comfortable coming to campus, it still provides them an opportunity to connect with admissions and faculty and learn more," Smith said.

When asked what the admissions office has done recently to promote Etown, Smith emphasized that it is a team effort.

"I think we've always had a saying that admissions and marketing, it's like a left-hand, right-hand relationship," he said.

According to Smith, enrollment has risen 10 percent in each of the past two years.

Despite a temporary decline in enrollment, recently the number of students enrolling has increased. "Right now, we're on pace to bring in the largest incoming class in the last five years. I think that is something we're all excited about. With Etown we don't want to ruin that small school feel that got us to where we are today, but of course we want to continue to grow," he said. Smith also highlighted the new programs that Etown has recently added.

Some of these new programs include exercise science, neuroscience, additional engineering concentrations such as robotics and mechatronics as well as the accelerated physician's assistant program, among others. These additional majors and programs have all led to more applications from prospective students.

Photo courtesy of Emily Kuhn
Offices, clubs and organizations set up in the BSC and KAV to give accepted students more information about what Etown has to offer.

"When you offer more programs that are leading to real world outcomes, I think that can make a huge difference," Smith said.

Vice President for Enrollment Management John Champoli also credits the collaborative effort between the admissions office and the office of marketing and communications. "They did a whole rebrand of our marketing materials. The person who's in charge of the marketing here is Keri Straub, and she's done a terrific job in that regard," Champoli said. This rebranding has occurred over the past two years.

When asked about the growing enrollment and applicant pool, Champoli said, "In fall 2020, the class that came in was 10 percent larger than the fall '19 class, and then we got to do that again, so the fall 2021 class was 10 percent larger when you combine the first-year, transfer, graduate and online students was 10 percent larger than that fall '20 class. They call this '10 percent year-over-year growth' for the past two years in a row."

These percentages are promising after the lockdown in 2020 when Etown went to completely remote learning. The College has weathered the worst of the pandemic regarding how to navigate online learning, and now the school is bouncing back. The numbers show a promising future for the College.

Photo courtesy of Emily Kuhn
Accepted students took pictures with Conrad to celebrate their decision to commit to attending Etown next semester.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

On Feb. 1, Google parent company Alphabet Inc. (ticker: GOOGL) announced that it will be doing a 20-for-1 stock split, meaning that for every one share an individual owns, he or she will receive 19 additional shares, based on the records of July 1. The stock split will go into effect on July 15, 2022 and will begin trading at its new price on Monday, July 18.

This announcement was accompanied by its fourth quarter (Q4) earnings report, in which the company announced that its stock was up 32 percent year over year–much higher than the average stock market return of 10 percent per year. Both the stock split and revenue growth highlight that the tech giant remains strong, withstanding the obstacles brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and most recently, rampant inflation.

A stock split is when a company issues more shares of its stock to existing owners while decreasing the value of the market price after the split. These typically occur when a company is flourishing, causing its stock price to rise and creating difficulties for individual investors to buy a full share. In turn, a business will split the stock in order to gain new buyers via a lower purchasing cost per share. A stock split

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does not decrease the value of the company; the number of shares increases, but the price decreases, allowing the market capitalization value to remain the same.

Addressing the announcement, Alphabet chief financial officer Ruth Porat stated, "The reason for the split is it makes our shares more accessible...We thought it made sense to do."

Alphabet has carried out two previous stock splits, one occurring on March 27, 2014, and the other on April 27, 2015. Since then, the company has rapidly grown.

On Feb. 11, GOOGL closed at $2,685.65, and once the stock split goes into effect in the summer, the market price will be around $135 per share if Friday's closing value is taken into account. Through this, Alphabet's goal of creating a more affordable market price will be accomplished.

Some think that Alphabet's split may set off a ripple effect for large companies such as Amazon (ticker: AMZN) to follow suit–especially since the internet sales company will be the only big tech giant left with a market price in the thousands after July 15.

Experts advise investors to buy GOOGL, as stocks have traditionally performed well in the time leading up to the split. This is exemplified by looking back to the Apple (ticker: AAPL) and Tesla (ticker: TSLA) stock splits in 2020; their market values soared as the split approached–which garnered much attention from individual investors. However, there is no added value buying before or after the split. Either way, with Alphabet being a strong leader in the market, the company is likely to see continued gains in many years to come.

Interested in investing? Download apps such as Robinhood or Webull or open a brokerage account at a financial service company such as Charles Schwab or Fidelity Investments to get started.

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Staffing shortage causes Jay Truck to close this semester

"People already have a bad connotation of Dining Services from the marketplace, so I think they should have more benefits like for students working over break."

The problem has only become worse with time and people are growing worried about more closures and less food options in the future. This has put even more stress on students currently working with Dining Services. Students may think that their food is taking longer than usual due to the student workers, not understanding the vast impact that staffing shortages have had on the department.

"Have patience when we are working because it is not our fault that we are short-staffed," the anonymous student worker said when asked if they had a message for the student body. "We are doing the best we can."

It is important to remember that student workers are also students. They have homework, quizzes and exams just like us. We should not add unfair stress to their plates as they are working hard to keep Dining Services running.

"It's been a challenge. Especially compared to last semester, when we had a good number of student workers in the Nest, but we've got a good crew, and I am very thankful for the people we have," student lead worker Hayden Mitchell said. "They're the best people to work with on campus, but we are seeing the impact of having less workers."

When asked about ways to mitigate the worker shortage, Benner said, "As I stated earlier, we have some help from other departments on campus, and we have changed some operating hours. Employees are working overtime to fill gaps, and we are asking our current employees to pick up some extra responsibilities that they would not normally do."

"The staffing shortage is not just isolated here at Elizabethtown, but this shortage is affecting the entire U.S. economy," Benner explained. "Our suppliers are affected, the trucking companies delivering our food are affected. Our purchasing manager has become very creative about just getting supplies to the college for us to utilize."

"My final words to the student body would be to thank you for being and continuing to be patient and know that our entire department is working hard to provide the student body with the best service that we can offer," Benner said as a final message. "If anyone is interested in working for Dining Services, please send me an email to benneraustin@etown.edu."

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

On Feb. 8, for the final time as Governor, Gov. Wolf delivered his budget address to a joint session of the General Assembly in Harrisburg for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

The proposal would push Commonwealth spending to $43.7 billion for the fiscal year, the largest ever proposed budget in Pennsylvania history.

"We're no longer digging out of a hole," Wolf said. "We're ready to build and this year's budget does exactly that."

The "hole" being referred to is the large budget deficit that the Commonwealth had faced before Democrats took over the Governor's Office in 2014.

The two-term Democrat asked lawmakers for the largest-ever increase in funding for public schools, higher-education institutions, college scholarships and increased aid for direct care employees.

With education as a top priority in his proposal, Wolf said, "This year we have an opportunity to build on that momentum and make a generational difference for students all across the commonwealth."

Wolf's proposal adds an additional $1.9 billion to support students from pre-k to college. With his budget proposal, Wolf says the new hike in education funding will not cause an increase in taxes, as the overall budget will leave the state with a surplus.

Education is the second largest expenditure in Governor Wolf's proposed budget, making up 36 percent of proposed spending.

Wolf also called for an increase in the minimum wage to $12 per hour starting on July 1. Annual increases of 50 cents will follow until the minimum wage

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reaches $15 per hour in 2028. The proposed wage increase could have an estimated 1.5 million workers see an increase in their pay.

"It's time to do the right thing. It's time to do the smart thing. It's time to raise our minimum wage," Gov. Wolf said while comparing the progress neighboring states have made in raising their own minimum wage.

A vast majority of the budget request was met with stringent opposition by Republican lawmakers.

Representative Clint Owlett (R-Wellsboro) was vocally opposed to the size of the proposal saying, "Just going on a spending spree and spending all this money right now is not responsible government, it's not responsible to the people."

However, one suggestion within the budget proposal has lawmakers on both sides of the aisle applauding its addition.

Wolf's budget proposal suggests reducing the corporate net income tax rate from 9.99 percent to 4.99 percent as quickly as possible. The current tax rate is among the highest in the nation, and the reduction of the rate hopes to make Pennsylvania more competitive and attract more businesses.

Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) said, "It was so positive to hear that from the governor. It's something that our state needs, we lose businesses every day to Texas and Florida."

Expressing his support for the potentially bipartisan initiative, Representative Ryan Bizzarro (D-Erie) said, "Reducing the corporate net income tax, that's a big signature part of this budget. Republicans have been in favor of that for years, so have some Democrats. Now we have the revenue to do that."

Despite a vast majority of the proposal being opposed by the Republican majorities, lawmakers state this is standard operating procedure when it comes to the start of the budget process.

"This is a starting point, not the end. We'll work at this process, we'll have a bunch of hearings, we'll bring people in, we'll dig into this deep and we'll come up with something that works for the people," Owlett said.

With Republican majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, it is hard to imagine a scenario where Wolf's budget appears remotely similar to the proposal by time of passage.

The budgetary process within the General Assembly is a relatively slow-moving procedure. Lawmakers have until June 30 to finalize the 2022-2023 budget, with a majority of the negotiations likely taking shape in late spring or early summer.

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Increasing enrollment holds promising future

Both Smith and Champoli emphasized the importance of new facilities and buildings on campus attracting prospective students to the school.

Both The Bower's Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being and the construction of a new softball field are two examples of renovations and construction projects that may entice new Blue Jays. Champoli further stated that Etown has taken on new strategies during open houses and accepted students' days that differ slightly from the way these events were run prior to the pandemic.

"I think Etown is always trying to personalize things. I think the last two years have been tough with COVID because it's been remote, but now that things are back in person, it's just a huge opportunity for us all to continue connecting with students to get them excited about Etown." Champoli said.

These personal touches and efforts to connect with prospective students and their families set Etown apart from other colleges and universities.

Etown holds first Accepted Student Day of the semester

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Elizabethtown College hosted its first Accepted Student Day (ASD) event for the semester on Saturday, Feb. 12. 157 accepted students were in attendance, which is an increase from the first ASD event last year.

Throughout the day, families could make their deposits, making the decision for the students to come to Etown next semester official. 14 students deposited on ASD while additional families said that they planned to deposit shortly after.

ASD events are often the last time prospective students and their families can visit campus and talk with current students and professors, so it is important that they have a great experience. Many offices, such as Community Living and Study Abroad, as well as numerous clubs and organizations on campus had tables set up for prospective students to learn more about what Etown has to offer.

"Every family I chatted with had great things to say about each session and the attentiveness of our staff. It really takes the entire college to pull off an event such as ASD," Assistant Director of Admissions Monica Venturella said.

Venturella also praised Senior Associate Director of Admissions Polly Orenstein and Admissions Administrator Amy Benowitz for their planning and coordination with other departments for the event.

She explained that after each event, the Office of Admissions staff have a meeting to discuss what went well and what can be improved upon. She emphasized that they are always looking for new ideas to make each event better than the previous.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Feb. 10 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with a special order, for the swearing in of a representative for the Class of 2025, Cristian Posada.

Administrators were asked to give all reports ahead of time via email and they will be distributed with the minutes the following week, however during this time if any administrators had any additional comments they could say so now.

Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez began by addressing that big pieces of legislation are being proposed during the meeting, but that's all that they are, pieces of legislation.

Gonzalez also reminded all Senators about the important and valuable role they play, in that each one deserves to be there because everyone was elected in the same way.

Director of Housing and Residence Life Jenn Azevedo reported that the Student Directed Learning Communities (SDLC) will not be returning for the 2022-23 academic year. This comes due to short staffing issues. The SDLC houses will be used as Independent Learning Communities (ILU) for the next academic year.

During student comments and announcements, Executive Vice President Christina Schnee motioned to move the legislation that is on the agenda from executive session to new business, so that minutes can be taken for those not present. This motion was seconded and passed.

Moving into Executive Cabinet reports, Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci reported that the finance committee met and approved a request from Circle K Club. Cappucci also reported that the Formal Attire Closet is still in the works.

Elections Chairperson Cece Sadek reported that scholarships are open until March 11, and then winners will be voted on during the March 17 meeting.

Moving into new business, the majority of time was taken up discussing amendments being proposed by the legislation committee.

The first amendment proposed would eliminate the dress code from the Constitution. This was debated on, and then voted on, in which the vote passed.

The second amendment proposed would have Administrative reports sent out with the weekly agenda, in order for only new information to be announced by the Administrator at the meeting and for questions to be asked. The legislation committee explained the thought process behindthis was to allow for more efficient meetings. The amendment was debated on, and then voted on, in which the vote passed.

The last amendment proposed consisted of two parts, with the first part being reducing the number of class representatives. So rather than each class consisting of 12 senators, four officers and eight representatives, it would consist of eight senators, four officers and four representatives.

This amendment would also push the Traditions Chair, Business Communications Chair and Advocacy and Service Chair up into the Executive Cabinet.

The legislation committee explained how they have looked into other schools, similar in size to Elizabethtown and found them to have significantly smaller Student Senate sizes than ours. The committee also believes that having a smaller number of Senators would lead to more efficiency in what could be accomplished.

Class of 2022 Vice President Erin Lewis stated that Gettysburg College, which has a student body size similar to that of Elizabethtown, has 123 members of Student Senate. Etown Student Senate is currently composed of 60 Senators.

A question was raised regarding if the legislation committee had talked to those in the positions of Traditions Chair, Business Communications Chair and Advocacy and Service Chair, about their thoughts and perspective on having those positions sit on the Executive Cabinet, in which the legislation committee had not spoken to any of the Senators holding those positions.

It was then motioned to split the amendment in half, starting with discussion and voting on the restructuring of the Executive Cabinet and then move into the proposed amendment that would reduce the number of representatives.

The meeting then hit the two hour mark, in which a motion was made to extend the meeting for an additional 30 minutes, the vote then passed.

Debate took place on the first part of the amendment, and eventually a motion was made to take a vote on the amendment. It was then voted on, and the vote did not pass.

A motion was then made to extend the meeting for an additional 45 minutes, in which the vote did not pass. The second half of the amendment will then be tabled until the following meeting.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.

Global Perspective

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This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

After a long six-day blockade and protest the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, Ottawa, Canada is reopening. This comes after the Canadian police cleared the blockade from protesters calling themselves the "Freedom Convoy."

Police did not start moving the protesters until a judge had ordered the protesters to leave the bridge at 7 p.m. Friday. Windsor Police Chief Pamela Mizuno said Sunday that 30 protesters were arrested and charged with criminal mischief. "I was hoping it wasn't going to end like this, I was hoping the police would allow us to continue to peacefully protest," "Freedom Convoy" protester Tyler Kok said.

The "Freedom Convoy" had been set up along the Ambassador Bridge blocking the flow in and out of Canada which crippled the trade route between the United States and Canada. The 100 car and truck convoys were set up to protest the vaccination mandate that is required for truckers who have to travel between the United States and Canada. The cars and trucks were loaded with slogans targeting Justin Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, as well as Canadian flags. There was also anti-vaccine signage being carried by the protesters.

"Let me be crystal clear: it is illegal and punishable to block and impede the movement of goods, people and services along critical infrastructure," Ontario Premier Doug Ford tweeted Sunday. "Fines for non-compliance will be severe, with a maximum penalty of $100,000 and up to a year imprisonment."

"Today, our national economic crisis at the Ambassador bridge came to an end," Mayor Drew Dilkens said in a written statement Sunday. The Ambassador bridge is used by the auto industry to move parts from Windsor, Canada and Detroit Mich. More than $323 million dollars in goods are moved across the Ambassador Bridge daily and for the six days, none of the goods were moved between the two nations.

The "Freedom Convoy" has expanded past just being for truckers who need to be vaccinated. Now, it has expanded to being against mask mandates and other COVID-19 measures, with more protests showing up in other cities in Canada. They have started to move into the city of Ottawa to further protest at the capitol. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson reached an agreement with the protesters to move from the residential areas of the city and restrict the protest to in front of the parliament building.

Other blockades have appeared at other border crossings between Canada and the United States but none have had the impact on the Canadian economy as the Ambassador Bridge. These include the crossing between Alberta and Montana. The border crossing between Emerson and North Dakota also had a blockade.

Canada has currently a 90 percent vaccination rate and citizens must show proof of vaccination to access bars, gyms and restaurants. Truckers in Canada also have a 90 percent vaccination rate allowing them to freely move between the border of the United States and Canada. The United States has a 64 percent vaccination rate among its citizens and does not have a proof of vaccination mandate across the country.

Demo kitchen hosts event for Super Bowl

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On Thursday, Feb. 10 in the Demonstration Kitchen at the Elizabethtown College Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being, Joni Eisenhauer, myself and five others participated in the "Soup-er Bowl." In this presentation Eisenhauer showed us how to cook two types of chilies representing the two teams in this year's Super Bowl. For the LA Rams we were shown how to make a vegan chili out of black and kidney beans. For the Cincinnati Bengals we learned to make a traditional Cincinnati chili recipe.

Ever since it's opening in 2019, the Bowers Center has hosted different cooking demonstrations. In these demonstrations participants can learn how to make all sorts of interesting dishes. These lessons are also in part kitchen safety and food preparation courses. These courses help students to think outside the sandwich when cooking. Eisenhauer offers a variety of courses from quick 10-minute lessons to hour and a half long behemoths. In her 10-minute lessons, Eisenhauer presents simple recipes to students and sends them on their way. The Soup-er Bowl however is no such lesson. Every month Eisenhauer picks out a dish that is relevant to that month to do a long form one and a half hour lesson on. This February, that is the Soup-er Bowl. In the Soup-er Bowl the two teams competing this year in Super Bowl 56: the Rams and the Bengals show off their skills.

"Cincinnati is known for a specific type of chili which I think is different than perhaps if you grew up in Pennsylvania."

~Joni Eisenhauer

"Cincinnati is known for a specific type of chili which I think is different than perhaps if you grew up in Pennsylvania," Eisenhauer said. And different it really is. When eating the Cincinnati chili, erase all your conceptions about what chili is. For starters this chili is served like a sauce on pasta, which was a really weird experience. The Cincinnati chili therefore did end up tasting much more like spaghetti than chili, however the chili taste was still unmistakably there, in the rather chunky nature of the sauce and the beans that were present. The cinnamon in the dish also provided an interesting, sweet flavor. One student said, "I really like it, it definitely didn't taste as I expected it, but it's really good, and I'd have it again." I'd have to agree with her.

Due to Los Angeles's warm climate, soup isn't a traditionally significant food. So Eisenhauer had to get a little more creative in her interpretation of the city's signature chili. "We are going with vegetarian, actually vegan chili because they have the highest rated plant-based diet," she said. As with most vegetarian food I've eaten, Los Angeles's chili is far waterier. However, in comparison to the Cincinnati chili, the soup still felt more like a traditional chili.

Although it was hard to pick a winner since both chilis were so radically different on the conceptual level, Cincinnati did win. However, everyone there said that both chilis were worth trying. The Cincinnati chili was a watery mix of ingredients more than a consistent soup. But, the lack of any meat in the LA chili did leave out what might be an essential for chili taste wise. The LA chili did still feel like chili though. Personally I'm very lazy and probably wouldn't have given either chili a chance when the ol' reliable chili I was raised on still tastes good. But that said, I'm glad to have tried them both.

Photo courtesy of Zachary Carlson

Attendees had the opportunity to try Eisenhauer's LA Vegan Chili during the Soup-er Bowl event.

Photo courtesy of Zachary Carlson

Participants could taste a traditional Cincinnati chili which is different compared to typical Pennsylvania chilis.

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I do recommend trying both of them in case you might like them.

But all in all, in a unanimous vote of six, Cincinnati won Eisenhaier's Soup-er Bowl with a unique spin on what makes chili a chili. It's a shame they couldn't produce that unique spin on the 13th.

Photo courtesy of Sophie Hanenfeld

Joni Eisenhauer taught attendees how to make LA Vegan Chili and a traditional Cincinnati chili in the Demonstration Kitchen at the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being.

Etown alumni give lecture for current students

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Two former Blue Jays returned to the Elizabethtown College campus to speak to current students as a part of the Mars Wrigley Executive Lecture Series in the Hoover Center for Business on Friday, Feb. 11.

Erick Blanck and Adam Sauber gave a lecture titled "Five Years Removed, Reflection and Insights on Life After Etown." They graduated a semester earlier than usual, in December of 2017, both with majors in business administration with a concentration in finance and a minor in economics. Blanck and Sauber now work for Northwestern Mutual as certified financial planners/ financial advisors and both of their individual firms operate out of Lancaster, Pa.

"For the actual lecture, we are discussing what life five years after Etown looks like, but also giving pointers and tips as to what to do while in college to best position yourself for future endeavors," Blank said.

In the hour-long lecture, a lot of information was covered, such as their journey as students and friends, background on Northwestern Mutual and tips for making a plan and starting young. Blanck mentioned that some important ways to set yourself up include attending career fairs, finding internships and building resumes. This was something that the two learned as students and is part of the reason why they were able to graduate early.

Northwestern Mutual is a financial services mutual organization that provides consultation on wealth and asset income protection, education planning, retirement planning, etc. Blanck and Sauber had internships with the company while students at Etown. "Internships are not just for experience, they allow you to learn what you don't want to do," Sauber explained. While the two of them were interns at the company, they fell in love with not only the field, but also the freedom that it provided them in their occupation.

While working at Northwestern Mutual, Blanck and Sauber are still actively involved in the College. Blank is a clinical professor at Etown's School of Graduate and Professional Studies. He teaches courses for Certified Financial Planner (CFP) curriculum which allows graduate students and finance professionals to prepare to take their CFP Board Exam. Sauber serves on Etown's Alumni Council.

Not only did the former students discuss their jobs and tips on how to succeed early in life, but they also involved some specific ideas on loan management and other advice that they typically give their clients. This included information and numbers on auto loans, student loans, personal loans and mortgages.

Dr. Dmitriy Krichevskiy is the professor leading the Mars Lecture Series. In an interview about the series, he said, "We're looking to enrich student's experience here, we're trying to figure out advice beyond books, assignments and projects. Life is really different from textbook assignments." The Mars Lecture Series is typically aimed at business students to set them up with appropriate tools for their future, but it is not strictly for that.

Krichevskiy mentioned that the lecture series is beneficial for all students. "Especially now with how isolated we are, it's good to meet people with different perspectives and stories," Krichevskiy said.

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The Elizabethtown College Hoover Center for Business hosts alumni to speak at Mars Wrigley Executive Lecture Series.

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Former Blue Jays speak at Mars Wrigley Executive Lecture Series

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He explained how students are typically driven to attend these lectures for extra credit opportunities in their classes and do not realize the potential impact they may have. Therefore, the attendance is usually all business majors.

The Mars Wrigley Executive Lecture Series picked up on Jan. 21 with speaker Brett Beckfield. This lecture highlighted tools to use in the future to better prepare yourself not only in the workforce, but also in life. Upcoming lectures will be held on March 11 and April 22, by Fred

Rahmanian and Bryn Davis, respectively, in Hoover Room 212 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Upcoming Mars Wrigley Lecture Series events:

Mar. 11, 2022 Fred Rahmanian

April 22, 2022 Bryn Davis

Location: Hoover 212

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

National Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Here are some ideas to celebrate this holiday!

1. Say "good morning" to two strangers on your way to class.
2. Leave an inspirational quote on your table in class so the next person can see it.
3. Befriend someone who is sitting alone in class or in the Market Place.
4. Say "thank you" to a custodian cleaning.
5. Bring a beverage or snack for a friend who is having a rough day or week.
6. Tape four quarters to a vending machine for someone to enjoy a free treat.
7. Offer to bring your table's dirty dishes to the cleaning station.
8. Write a letter to someone who's made a difference in your life.
9. Create or print inspirational flyers to hang in your residence hall.
10. Bring a baked good to your neighbor.
11. Stop to assist someone who looks lost on campus.
12. Pick up any trash on campus and throw it away.
13. Leave a positive comment on someone's social media post.
14. Smile at someone who looks upset.
15. Write someone a letter of encouragement.
16. Do a chore or task for someone who could benefit from extra free time.
17. Hold the door for those behind you.
18. Buy the person's order behind you at the Blue Bean or Jays.
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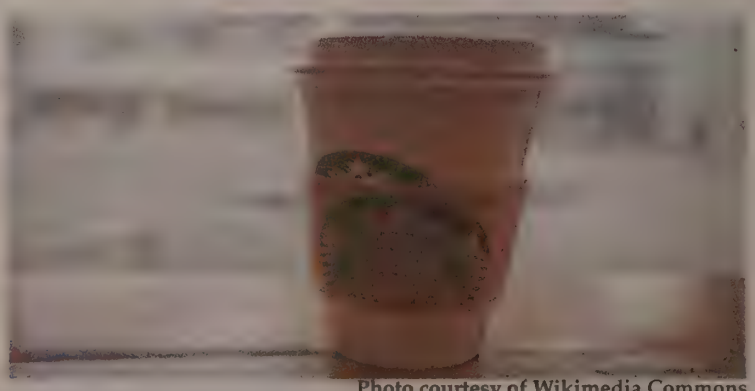

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Treat someone to a Blue Bean beverage on February 17 to show an act of kindness.

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Surprising someone with baked goods is a great idea to brighten their day!

What spring flower are you based on your Zodiac sign?

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Note: The horoscopes have been given an updated format to better fit the layout of the newspaper.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Like many Aquarians I know, lily of the valley prefers shady spots but are known to spread, creating large colonies. Extremely fragrant, elegant and dreamy, these flowers (and people) are bringers of lasting happiness.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Sweetpea flowers really embody the alluring and innocent nature of Pisces. This particular flower symbolizes a delicate or bittersweet pleasure associated with feelings of nostalgia, longing and tapping into the feminine mystique.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Cherry blossoms bring with them an abundance of new beginnings and opportunities and rejuvenated energy. A kind of unconditional love comes with these blooms, and even though the flowers themselves don't last very long, Aries really embrace this kind of commitment to those they love.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The valerian flower is known for its calming properties with an emphasis on strength and power. Other big themes include readiness, awareness of what's to come and anticipation for the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Like dahlias, people with Gemini placements exude beauty and confidence. There is also an emphasis on inner strength, creativity and maintaining values sacred to them.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): For lovely and romantic Cancers, lilacs bring happiness, peace and tranquility. With their magical nature, the more prominent the color of the flower, the deeper the feelings of the giver are.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Honeysuckles are signs of sweetness and love. Leos are the royalty of devoted affection and prioritizing connectedness. In addition, transformation and confidence are relevant symbols of the honeysuckle flower.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Calla lilies inspire deeper knowledge, intuition and tapping into a higher consciousness. A Virgo's sense of beauty and refinement are also represented in the calla lily's essence.

Libra (September 23-October 23): The Black-Eyed Susan represents justice and is a symbol of encouragement or motivation. Like these flowers, Libras inspire others to pursue their well-being. Another important aspect is getting in touch with child-like wonder and imagination.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Iris, Egyptian goddess of rainbows and divine messages, acts as a strong representation for Scorpios. The Iris flower is a bridge between worlds and symbolizes wisdom, respect, passion and renewal.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): For playful Sagittarius placements, the Hyacinth flower taps into your dependable and compassionate side. Hyacinths act as a balance between the dual nature of a Sagittarius: the youthful and the wise.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Clovers are reflections of Capricorn spirit as they bring good luck and fortune and are a symbol of protection. These flowers also tap into the masculine energy of Capricorns.

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The lion is the zodiac symbol for Leos.

Asking Abby's Advice

Learn how to find and stick with some new hobbies

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After spending the last few weeks talking about ways to stay organized and on top of responsibilities, it's time for a break. Nobody can be serious all the time (least of all the author of this column), and balancing schoolwork with hobbies are a great way to explore different interests and de-stress.

Did you know that sleeping, in the author's humble opinion, is not an actual hobby? While this may be tragic news for many readers, there's no need to wonder what to do instead! As the weather begins to get warmer in the coming months, the opportunities for new activities come more often. However, there are a few key tips to keep in mind before jumping into something new.

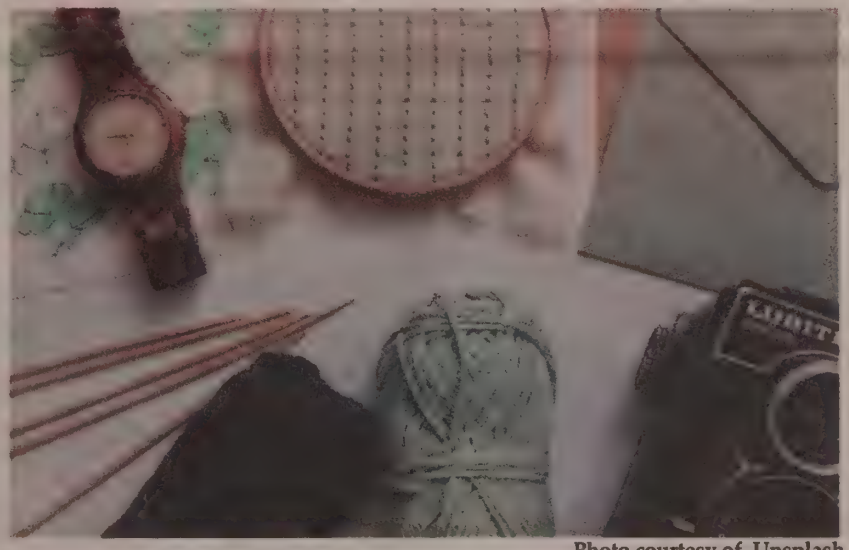
Firstly, the best thing to remember when considering a new hobby is to keep it lighthearted. For college students especially, it may seem like everything hinges on success; hobbies are the exception. Starting a new activity is a learning process, and skill (sometimes) comes with time. The goal here, however, isn't necessarily mastery, but enjoyment. If making the ugliest, most un-sweaterlike sweater in the world is your hobby, go for it!

If the idea of not succeeding at a new activity is frightening, there are some ways to make the process less stressful. For one, remembering that we do hobbies for ourselves, and not other people, can be helpful to remember. Some people are very open and love to share their hobbies, while others may want to keep them private, and both ways are perfectly fine! Nobody can tell you how you're supposed to do your own hobby. Well, maybe they can if it's an organized sport or chess. The point is, mindset is everything in starting and sticking with a new activity!

Sometimes it can be difficult to decide when and what to try when it comes to filling up free time. The biggest tip here is just to try. Not everything is going to be a perfect fit, and that's perfectly fine. However, a good idea is revisiting hobbies from the past that may have slipped away from you. This could be anything: reading, drawing, cooking or crafts are all simple and fun things to fit into your schedule each day as a way to relax and de-stress. Hunt down your old favorite materials, or use that Amazon gift card you've been saving since Christmas to invest in some new supplies. If it's a more expensive hobby, like playing a new instrument, investigate rental services, used materials or free learning options online.

Another tip for finding a new hobby is to branch off from already existing ones. Do you knit? Try crochet! Do you enjoy drawing? Try a mandala coloring book! Use existing interests to inspire you and try related hobbies. This is useful for finding a new hobby, but also builds on pre-existing skills. If this still doesn't spark your interest, investigating clubs on campus and getting involved in a group activity may be the gateway to finding a new hobby. Even if it's something completely different from your normal routine, you may discover a new passion just by putting yourself out there.

When the stress of life, school and work gets to you, it's important to have something to do that's purely for you. Whether it's experimenting with something new or sticking to what you have a passion for, carving out even a few minutes for yourself in your schedule is so important. Filling this time with meaningful activities are even more important—these moments brighten even bad days and sticking with them can lead to new skills, new creations and healthier habits.



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Explore new hobbies and become a DIY master with some helpful tips from Abby.

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Movie Review: "Good Will Hunting"

Find out why this movie is a simple film with suprising depth

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As much as I appreciate a good story, I often struggle to maintain interest in films with many different storylines and large casts of characters. It is difficult to appreciate even the most epic visual spectacle if the events or people on screen seem shallow, as if the director put quantity above quality. Therefore, I found "Good Will Hunting" to be an amazing viewing experience, as it provided me with the opportunity to really delve into a select few characters and did not unnecessarily complicate the plot with too many overlapping narratives.

At its core, "Good Will Hunting" revolves around the titular Will Hunting, a 20-year-old janitor at M.I.T. played by Matt Damon. However, beneath this unremarkable exterior, Hunting hides many secrets, including that he is a self-taught mathematical genius. This is revealed when he is caught solving a complex problem intended for students in a mathematics course taught by Professor Gerald Lambeau, played by Stellan Skarsgard.

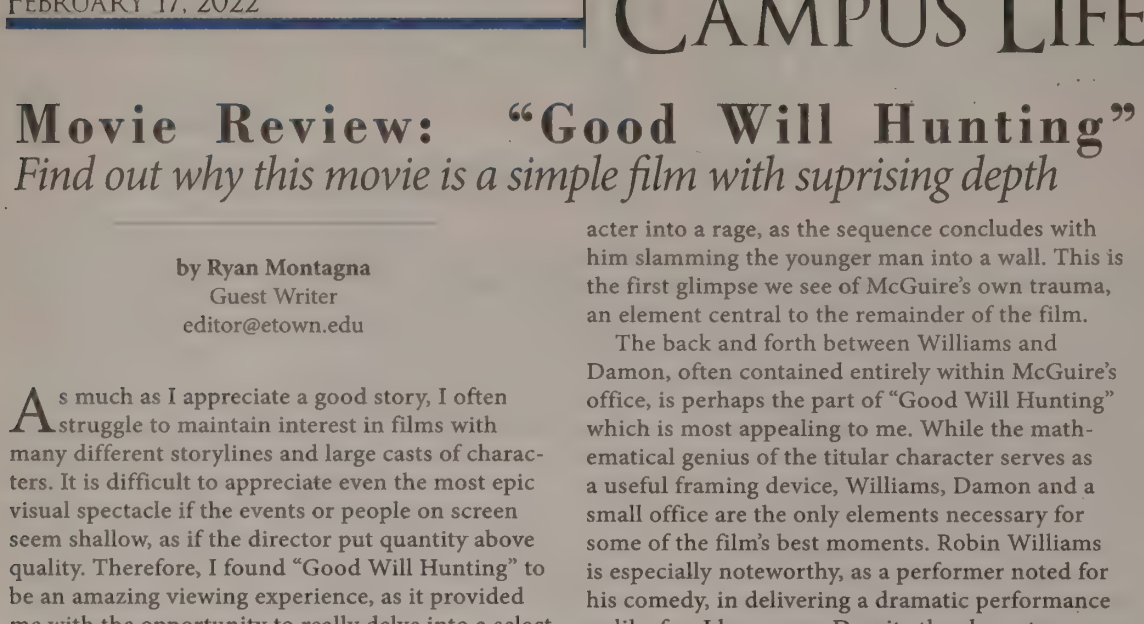
A series of events occur which land Hunting in jail, and he is bailed out by Lambeau—who is eager to tap into Will's newly revealed potential—on the condition that he attend counseling sessions. This, in my view, is where the movie truly begins to shine.

After a montage which sees Hunting almost toying with a series of therapists, as Lambeau grows increasingly frustrated, we are introduced to one of the film's best characters: Lambeau's college roommate and psychologist Sean McGuire, played by the late Robin Williams.At their first meeting, it is striking how even-keeled McGuire seems, not fazed by any of the troubled prodigy's usual antics. However, the mention of his wife sends Williams's character into a rage, as the sequence concludes with him slamming the younger man into a wall. This is the first glimpse we see of McGuire's own trauma, an element central to the remainder of the film.

The back and forth between Williams and Damon, often contained entirely within McGuire's office, is perhaps the part of "Good Will Hunting" which is most appealing to me. While the mathematical genius of the titular character serves as a useful framing device, Williams, Damon and a small office are the only elements necessary for some of the film's best moments. Robin Williams is especially noteworthy, as a performer noted for his comedy, in delivering a dramatic performance unlike few I have seen. Despite the character possessing a generally calm demeanor throughout, Williams allows emotion to break through at the perfect moments, from bursts of anger to humorous anecdotes and emotional flashbacks, he manages to display a full range of nuanced feelings seemingly without deviating from the overall tone of the character.

Damon's character, while perhaps remaining more consistent emotionally, grows significantly throughout the course of the film. Hunting adheres to many common tropes: the troubled young adult searching for his place in the world, the defensive and withdrawn character who eventually shows a more emotional side and so on. However, in finding the most memorable aspect of his character, I am again brought back to the interactions between him and McGuire, as it is the distinction between intelligence and wisdom which makes him remarkable as a character, and allows him to play so easily off his older associate: McGuire represents the latter of the two, while Hunting represents the former.

Ultimately, "Good Will Hunting" is a film about many things, but, at its best, it all comes down to two men, a tiny office and simple conversation.



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The next time you are looking for something to watch, check out "Good Will Hunting."

The Weekly Treat

Natalie tests out different chip flavors.

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Happy Valentine's Day, my lovely Crumb Crew! The Weekly Treat is here with an entry on a popular and commonly found snack choice for you: chips! Whether it be sour cream and onion, barbeque or sea salt, everyone has a go-to chip flavor or brand.

I've decided to go with Doritos Cool Ranch Chips, one of the most popular flavors of the brand. I've compared them with another brand with a similar tasting flavor: Baked sour cream and onion chips. This was for the purpose of an interesting argument: which is better, normal or baked chips?

In terms of healthiness, baked chips have less fat content and most contain less salt and sodium. That being said, both chips had a good flavor, nice crunch and are both relatively easy to clean if it gets messy.

However, there is a distinct difference regarding texture. While Doritos are a bit grainy because of their chip type and flavored powder, the baked chips have a thicker weight to it and the flavoring is baked into the chip itself, with no visible salting on it. So personally, I prefer the Doritos in that sense, but I'm beginning to lean towards the baked chips. Of course, there are other brands who bake their chips differently, so it might be a good idea to over time, get small bags of a different brand every now and then to explore different types of chips. Who knows, you might find a new favorite go-to snack.

So, what's the rating on chips? With the ones I've explored this week, I'll give it a hearty 6/10.

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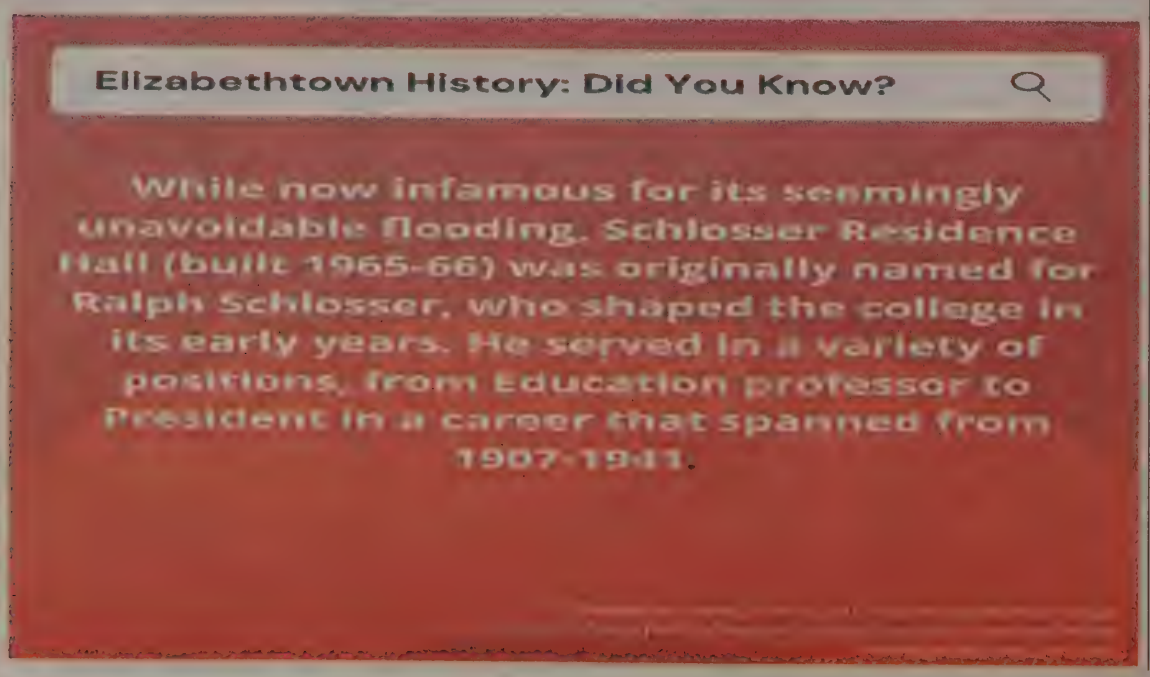
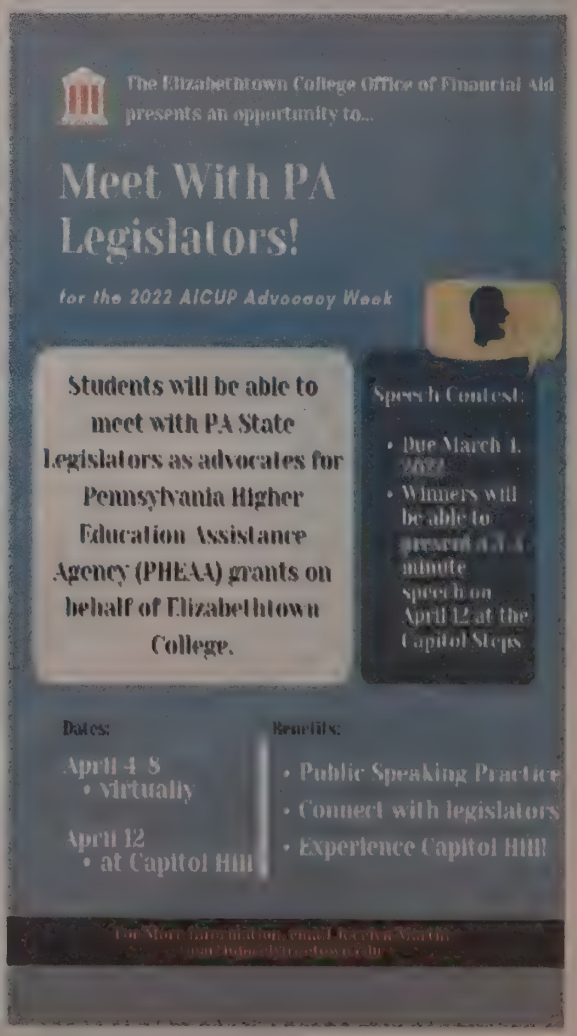
With all the variety of chips in the store aisles, it is hard to choose just one to rate.


Elizabethtown History: Did You Know?
While now infamous for its seemingly unavoidable flooding, Schlosser Residence Hall (built 1965-66) was originally named for Ralph Schlosser, who shaped the college in its early years. He served in a variety of positions, from Education professor to President in a career that spanned from 1907-1941.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The Students of Etown

Meet Hannah Sohn and learn about her career goals as well as how she became a member of the dance club

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that their story is important. One such example is the tale of junior Hannah Sohn.

When choosing a college, Sohn had no idea where she wanted to go, so she decided to tour the school where her dad went, which was Etown. He was a student here in the late '70s and early '80s. After growing up hearing her dad talk about the school, she decided to see what the hype was about considering she only lives about 30 minutes away in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

"I just decided to tour here, and I really liked it," Sohn said.

The thing that attracted her to Etown is the same thing that most people love: the people. Because of the College's size, it is easy to find a niche and meet new people who will eventually become life-long friends.

"There's a lot of opportunities to meet people through clubs," Sohn said, "and it's just a really nice environment."

When she became a student here, Sohn decided to take advantage of the many clubs at Etown. She was a member of Etown's chapter of Lighthouse and now is a devoted member to the Women's Bible Study club.

"I feel like I try to get involved in as much as I can, and that's a lot different than I was in high school," Sohn said.

One way that Sohn has been branching out is that she recently joined Emotion, one of the College's dance clubs. She did this at the insistence of her friends because she does not consider herself to be a performer. The dance is causing Sohn to be slightly nervous, but she knows she can handle it. Sohn is dancing with ten other people which she believes is a good number since she can blend in with the crowd, but her parents can also easily see her dance.

"My friends are choreographing a dance, and I'm not a dancer by any means," Sohn said. "They wanted me to do it, so I said I'll do it."

Sohn is not only dedicated to her extracurriculars but also to her academics. After starting college, she realized that she needed to decide on a major. With over 150 majors, minors and concentrations offered, it can be difficult to decide on just one part. Therefore, like many, Sohn turned to her interests to help lead the way.

"I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do," Sohn said, "but I knew I liked the mind and talking to people, so it was a good fit for me."

She is now a psychology major and a human services minor. After graduating, she is not quite sure where her degree will take her. One idea she has is becoming a school counselor. Sohn is also passionate about art, so she is considering using art therapy as a way to help people.

"I definitely want to work with kids," Sohn said, "so I think working in a school setting would be good."

Good luck to Sohn with her dancing debut in Emotion's next show and as she works her way through psychology!

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Hannah Sohn drinks an iced caramel macchiato and studies terms for her next pyschology test.

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Club Feature: History Club

Investigate what the history club is doing this semester

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As students settle into the Spring semester, many clubs at Elizabethtown College are working hard to plan meetings, activities and events both on and off campus. The newly rebooted History Club, which had their latest meeting on Feb. 10, has several big plans for the semester which are sure to interest students both within and outside history-related majors.

The first event of the year for History Club, partnering with the High Library, will be a Wiki Edit-a-Thon on March 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants will celebrate Women's History Month by learning how to add information onto Wikipedia, working specifically with notable women from the history of the Elizabethtown College and community. This is a great event to attend to gain experience with historical records and organizing information!

On March 25, History Club will be taking a walking tour of Elizabethtown, hosted by the Director of Special Programs & Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships Jean-Paul Benowitz. Benowitz has generously offered to lead a lantern-lit, historic tour in the evening. Any students interested in engaging with and learning more about their community are welcome to attend!

Following these events, the club is also looking forward to a day trip to Gettysburg, Pa. once the weather gets warmer. On April 2, students who sign up for the trip will be taking a tour of the battlefields, as well as exploring other historic sites in the surrounding town.

In between these exciting events, History Club also has many ideas for activities to do during meetings. While part of each meeting will be dedicated to updates on events and fundraising efforts, there will also be time for fun!

On the agenda this semester is allocating historical nicknames to members, debates and discussions, contests, presentation nights, poetry and more!

History Club hosts biweekly meetings in Nicarry 212. If you have any questions, are interested in the above events, or are interested in being added to the mailing list for History Club members, email historyclub@etown.edu.

For information on meeting dates and upcoming events, follow @etownhistoryclub for graphics, meeting photos and more!

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The history club's Cabinet makes plans for the spring semester in the High Library.
Note:This photo was taken in Feb. 2022 with masks taken off only for the photo.

Valentine's Day plans

Find out how Etown students spent the day of love

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A great way to tell how your day is going is to step outside and take a deep breath. Will the sweet scent of chocolate from the Dove Company be drifting across Elizabethtown College's campus, or will the smell of cow manure from nearby farms be lingering? On Feb. 14th, there's always something different in the air: love.

Whether you use Valentine's Day to hang out with your partner or stick around for the half-off candy on the 15th, there's no denying that every year the holiday gets bigger. Heart-shaped decorations and candy have been in stores since New Year's, and commercials on television set lovers' expectations high. But what are college students doing about Valentine's Day? Have gifts become too expensive for a college budget, or is love worth the extra cash?

For one couple, Valentine's Day is as good as abolished. Sophomore Jess King celebrates a whole different holiday with her boyfriend. "Our year-and-a-half anniversary and Valentine's Day are really close together, and I didn't want to have two big celebrations in a row," King said. "My boyfriend Jon and I celebrate 'Jon and Jess Day' on the 4th instead."

This year, the couple came up with a cost-free gift that's unique. They wrote down date ideas and categorized them. The categories included cheap, expensive, outdoor, indoor and seasonal options. King seemed unbothered by the prospect of not celebrating on the 14th, saying "Jon and Jess Day is something that's special to us, and it's 100 percent better than Valentine's Day."

For single students, Valentine's Day can still be a fun time. While the holiday is traditionally used to spend time with your significant other, platonic love can be celebrated too. Some clubs and groups on campus will celebrate the day together. Etown's Lighthouse group held a celebration last week.

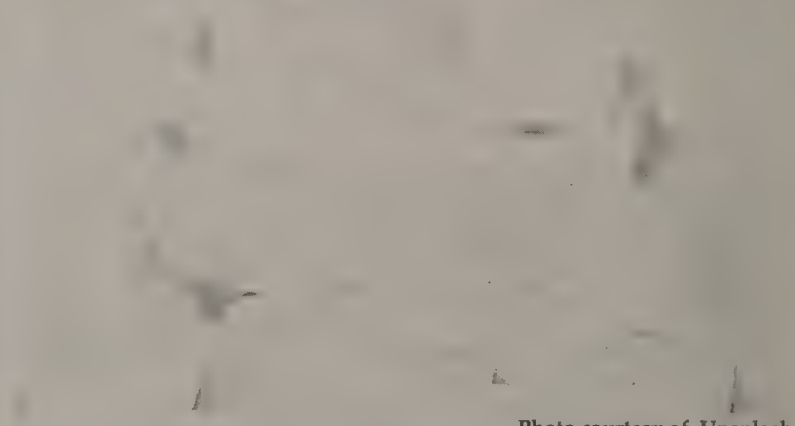
"There's a really sweet community member who invited us all over," first-year Madeline Dunham said. "She's been hosting Lighthouse events at her house for years, and she only lives a few blocks away so we can walk there!" The group played games and enjoyed Valentine's Day treats. Dunham enjoyed her time, saying "I love getting to spend time with everyone, especially outside of the normal school week because there's less stress and we just get to connect and have fun!"

For student athletes and student workers on campus, Valentine's Day is still life as usual. Many sports teams still have practices, and jobs like dining services and intramurals are still operating. Classes are still going at the College, a source of contention for some students.

"We shouldn't have classes," sophomore Taylor Huyck said. "Everyone deserves to be happy on Valentine's Day, even those that are single. It should just be a mental health day."

Students have another reason for skipping class on the 14th. Super Bowl LVI fell the day before Valentine's Day this year. Many students stayed up late to watch the game; and even later to celebrate their team's victory or mourn a hard loss. No matter what your reason for skipping your 8 a.m. on Monday is, know that you were not alone.

Whether you love your partner or love alone time, Valentine's Day is a holiday with something for everyone. When you stepped out of your dorm on the 14th, you hopefully were able to feel the love in the air.



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In 2019, conversation hearts were not able to be produced for Valentine's Day.

Rory wishes he wasn't alone on Valentine's Day.

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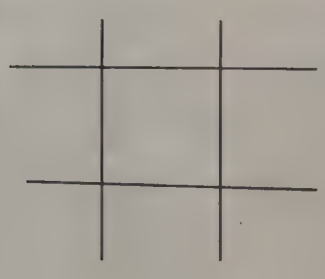

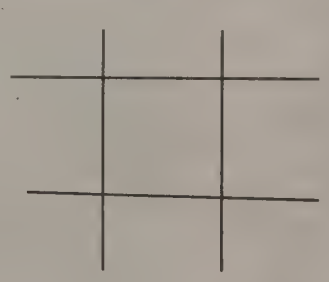

Keeping the heart beating

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Your heart should beat, not take a beating. Here's some ways you can keep your heart healthy!

Have you ever taken time to wonder how you can be heart healthy, even when on campus? If you're considering looking into ways to keep your heart beating strong, this will be able to provide some advice.

An important part of staying heart healthy is by regulating your diet. The many options in the Elizabethtown College cafeteria are certainly all delicious, but you should pay attention to the makeup of what you're eating.

"Foods that are high in saturated fat increase the risk of high cholesterol which increases the risk of high blood pressure, heart attacks, and strokes," Assistant Director of Health Promotion at the College Joni Eisenhauer said. "Foods that are high in sodium increase the risk of high blood pressure. And processed and fried foods increase the risk of cardiovascular issues." Be sure to limit foods that fall into those categories. It seems like fairly simple advice, but if you pay attention to the information cards around each of the foods set out at the cafeteria, you can determine the ingredients and nutritional facts about anything you're unsure of.

You should also pay attention to how the food you select has been prepared. Food that is baked, broiled, boiled and steamed are usually healthier. If you're unsure of how a dish is actually cooked, don't be afraid to look it up. The few moments it takes to search it up will be worth it if it means your heart can stay healthier.

An often overlooked area of the Marketplace is the salad bar and fruit crates. These dish options can provide a healthy and tasty addition to your meals. "I always try to tell people to strive for a fruit or vegetable at every meal. Unfortunately a lot of convenience type foods are tasty, but aren't nutritionally fulfilling or physically fulfilling," Eisenhauer said.

If you want to go beyond healthy eating, regular exercise is also a good option to stay heart healthy. "It would be good to have a balance of cardio on this side and straight training on the other side. Nick Hartz, a student worker at the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being said, "I think a good thing is to target all muscle groups, but the heart is mostly cardio."

For beginners, a good way to start training cardio is to go on the treadmill. Eventually as you get more accustomed to the different gym equipment and how they feel, you can spread out your training to the full extent of what the gym can offer. Of course, you don't have to do cardio in the gym only. If you don't have time to go to the gym, you can always do cardio by jogging and running wherever you find yourself.

If you're informed about simple things you can do, staying heart healthy isn't as difficult as you might be led to believe. Follow these eating and exercise tips, and you can ensure your heart will be able to beat strong for years to come.

Getting to know new athletic department staff

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Recently, Elizabethtown College hired two new staff in the Athletics department.

Their names are Maria Anderson, who is the new Assistant Track and Field Coach, and Liam Dollard, the new Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach.

Both Anderson and Dollard started on Jan. 21.

Dollard started his job with no experience at all.

This is his first time in this field. He is so excited to work with the athletes and the other Athletic staff.

He said, "It has definitely been an adjustment but so far, it's been great working with this team and trying to help our guys improve every day."

He has some goals for the team, including, but not limited to winning games and conference championships.

He provided his method for how he wants our Blue Jays to get to the championship.

"I think it's just as important to help our guys improve every day," said Dollard.

Anderson got her new position through volunteer work since she graduated from Etownin 2018. She worked as a volunteer assistant before she was on the team.

This semester, she has many goals that she wants to accomplish.

One of them being, "aiming to win the Landmark Conference, but also to individually develop each athlete to be the best they can be," said Anderson. She is focusing on working with the long-distance runners.

Congratulations to both of you for starting your new positions, and good luck!

LA Rams and Team Ruff win the bowl

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The Los Angeles Rams defeated the Cincinnati Bengals to win Superbowl LVI on Sunday, Feb. 13.

The game went back and forth but ended with a three-point victory for the Rams, thanks to big games from Cooper Kupp, Matt Stafford and Aaron Donald.

A first-quarter drive by the Rams that resulted in a 17-yard touchdown pass to Odell Beckham Jr. gave the Rams an early 7-0 lead.

Later in the quarter, a big play by Ja'Marr Chase, a Bengals wide receiver, placed the Bengals in the red zone. Unable to convert for a touchdown, the Bengals kicked a field goal to make the game 7-3.

The Rams wasted no time and started the second quarter with a touchdown pass to Cooper Kupp. Unfortunately for the Rams, they fumbled the snap for the extra point, and the game was 13-3.

With a bit over five minutes left in the half, the Bengals converted a touchdown that may have been the play of the game.

Joe Mixon, a Bengals running back, pitched the ball, but instead of running towards the end zone, he threw the ball to Tee Higgins for the touchdown. This was the first of two touchdowns for Higgins. This would be the last score of the half, and the Rams had a 13-10 lead.

The second half started hot when 12 seconds in, Joe Burrow completed a 75-yard touchdown pass to Tee Higgins.

Just 10 seconds after that, the Bengals picked off Matt Stafford.

Just 22 seconds into the half, the Bengals had a touchdown, an interception and all the momentum.

The Rams were able to stop them in the red zone, and the Bengals settled for a field goal. The game was now 20-13 Bengals.

The Rams were able to get a field goal, and the third quarter ended 20-16, with the Bengals in the lead.

The last score of the game was a one-yard touchdown pass to Cooper Kupp, his second of the game. It gave the Rams a three-point lead to win the game.

Kupp finished the game with two touchdowns, 92 receiving yards and seven rushing yards.

This was enough for him to be given MVP. "I just don't have words, I'm just so thankful," Kupp said after receiving the MVP.

Kupp finished this season with the 2021 NFL Offensive player of the year, Superbowl LVI MVP and the triple crown (leading the NFL in receptions, yards and touchdowns).

Superbowl LVI wasn't the only game this weekend. Dog lovers had their own game, as the annual Puppy Bowl took place on Sunday morning. The game lasted three long hours and finished with Team Fluff defeating Team Ruff with a final score of 73-69.

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The Los Angles Rams won the Super Bowl for the second time.

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Team Ruff won Puppy Bowl XVIII, making it their fourth win since 2015.

Women's basketball loses against Scranton

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On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Elizabethtown College women's basketball team faced off against the University of Scranton's women's basketball team. The game got off to a slow start but it turned into an eventful game in the fourth quarter, and Etown ultimately came up short against Scranton, with a final score of 64-55. Blue Jays sophomore Veronica Christ led all scorers with 21 points in the game.

Scranton with 21 wins and two losses, was hot out of the gate, making six of their nine three-pointers in the first quarter as they got out ahead 22-12. Etown struggled in the beginning, but went 9-for-13 from the foul line. Christ and teammate sophomore Jessica King combined to go 7-for-9 at the free throw line in the first quarter.

Christ, first-year Summer McNulty and sophomore Cyleigh Wilson combined to score 18 of the team's 20 points in the second quarter as they got within seven points by halftime, 39-32.

The Blue Jays held the Scranton Royals to 13 points in the third quarter, but were still struggling offensively, only putting up nine shots and trailing by 11 points heading into the fourth quarter.

A three point shot from Bridget Monaghan gave Scranton a 14-point lead, 57-43, with 8 minutes and 57 minutes left in the game. Etown clamped down, not allowing the Royals a single point for over five minutes. Christ and McNulty helped get the Jays within eight, and following a traveling violation on Scranton, first-year Lindsay Boyd's layup cut the point deficitto six with 4 minutes and 27 seconds to go.

McNulty knocked down another jumpshot a few possessions later to further reduce the point deficit by five. Then, with 1 minute and 46 seconds left, Christ drove baseline and found King on the opposite block for the left-handed finish and Etown was down by just three points, 58-55.

The Royals were able to hold off the Blue Jays over the last minute as Etown couldn't get the shots to fall. Abby Anderson, an Athlete from Scranton hit down six foul shots over the final 1 minute and 22 seconds and Scranton remained unbeaten in the Landmark with the 64-55 win.

McNulty was also in double figures for Etown with 13 points. First-year DaniRae Renno had a team-high nine rebounds.

The women's basketball team faces off at Susquehanna University on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m."aiming to win the Landmark Conference, but also to individually develop each athlete to be the best they can be," said Anderson. She is focusing on working with the long-distance runners.

Congratulations to both of you for starting your new positions, and good luck!

Video Game Review: "Wii Sports Resort" Archery

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"Wii Sports Resort" is a Nintendo Wii game that was released in the summer of 2009.

This game is the sequel to Nintendo's "Wii Sports" that was released three years prior.

This collection of sports games is set on the fictional Wuhu Island and has 12 sports to choose from.

One game from "Wii Sports Resort" that is very interesting to play is the archery game.

The instructions for archery are very straightforward and easy to follow for any player at any age.

This game, like the many other games in "Wii Sports Resort," allows you to select a "Mii" character, if you are left or right-handed and has three difficulty settings.

There is "Beginner," "Intermediate" and "Expert." Each player uses the "Wiimote," or a Wii remote, and the attaching piece, the "Nunchuk."

There can be up to four players and you can either all pass around one Wiimote and Nunchuk or each player can use their own. You hold these remotes vertically just like how you would hold a bow.

The Wiimote represents the bow, and since you pull back the Nunchuk, it represents the string.

The main goal, just like real-life archery, is to score the highest points on your target as possible, or at least score more than your opponents.

There are three different levels "Beginner," "Intermediate" and "Expert."

On each level, the player has three tries to score points. Every bullseye is 10 points, and the highest overall number of points to achieve in the game is 120.

Another reason why this archery video game is just like archery in real life, is that the game considers wind direction and varying speeds, which can alter the player's aim.

Also, as the levels move on, the wind becomes more intense, as the stakes for points and difficulty do as well.

What makes this game even more unique is its hidden targets that are found in each round and in each difficulty level of the game. Most hidden targets are fruits, and are placed in secretive spots in each game, like behind a waterfall, under a tree, on top of a cliff and other places you normally wouldn't catch if you played the game with the bullseye in mind.

Overall, the archery game is a great addition to "Wii Sports Resort."

With its easy use and different amounts of levels this is a good game for players of all ages. Along with levels, it is also satisfying to win points from the secret targets on every level which can help improve your play, since you are still aiming with different wind controls.

While this game is now over a decade old, the game does not seem outdated or have any issues. It is timeless and one of the unique parts of this game, which is why I highly recommend playing.

Archery is just one of the many options "Wii Sports Resort" has to offer.

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The set up for the WiiU which can play the classic game "Wii Sports Resort."

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Oceanographer Robert D. Ballard gives lecture

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Ballard was passionate about ocean exploration since he was young, and it inspired him to join the Navy and become an oceanographer.

On Feb. 16, famous oceanographer Robert D. Ballard gave a lecture to Elizabethtown College and community members as part of the Evenings of Enlightenment.

Ballard is an ocean explorer, best known for discovering underwater archeology, such as the R.M.S. Titanic and the Bismarck.

He began the discussion by talking about his passion for the ocean that developed when he was a young child living in Kansas. After his family moved to San Diego, Ca., Ballard said that his playpen was right outside–the Pacific Ocean.

When he was 12, Ballard was first exposed to Disney's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." This movie changed his life and served as one of the main motivations behind his career aspirations, as exemplified when he named one of his ships the Nautilus.

"Shortly after seeing that movie, my parents had questioned, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' And I said, 'I want to be Captain Nemo.' And they didn't laugh at my dream. You should never laugh at a child's dream," Ballard said.

This advice is linked to Ballard's experience living with dyslexia–which remained undiagnosed until he was 62. Although he continuously struggled with reading and coding/decoding, it allowed him to realize that his disability served as a gift that highlighted his other talents, especially those in the field of science.

"My whole career was really driven by my dyslexia. My success was driven by dyslexia," Ballard stated.

The oceanographer then talked about his college education beginning at the University of California, Santa Barbara, which then carried him into graduate school. However, his pursuit of a Ph.D. was interrupted by a call to active duty in the Navy. While in the military, he mainly worked in submarines, and this experience further prompted his passion for oceanic exploration.

From there, Ballard spent years exploring the sea and then working as a professor. However, he knew that his heart belonged to oceanic discoveries, so he once again sought out the military and was assigned the then classified task of uncovering the USS Scorpion: a submarine that had carried nuclear weapons. But this required a cover, so Ballard and his team suggested telling the world they were going after the Titanic. The military agreed but advised him, "Don't find it, just go after it."

"They were really ticked off when I found it," Ballard joked. "I got a call… [that said] 'Commander Ballard, you were supposed to look for the Titanic, not find it.'"

This discovery set off a chain reaction for Ballard; he soon found the German Battleship Bismarck and the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown.

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Etown launches donation campaign for third year in a row

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For the third year in a row, Elizabethtown College will be holding the "*Make a Deposit, Make a Difference*" campaign from Feb. 12 to March 12. For all first-year students that enroll during the campaign, the College will match the deposits up to their goal. The goal is set at $15,000 and the money will be donated to three partnering organizations.

The campaign was a group effort. It began three years ago and has continued into this year. Vice President for Enrollment John Champoli credited Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Adam Smith for helping spark the idea for this campaign. In an interview, Champoli mentioned Smith having a conversation with a family three years ago. The family wanted to pay their first-year deposit early and donate to a fundraiser. "Adam Smith's idea after talking to a family of a normal course of doing business, out of that just sparked that family wanting to donate, that's kind of how it started," Champoli said.

The organizations that the College is partnering with are the Milagro House, Water Street Mission and Downtown Daily Bread. The Milagro House is an organization in Lancaster, Pa. that offers supportive services, education and housing for homeless women and their children in need. Water Street Mission is another organization in the Lancaster area that looks to provide restorative services for people who need emergency housing and are in extreme poverty.

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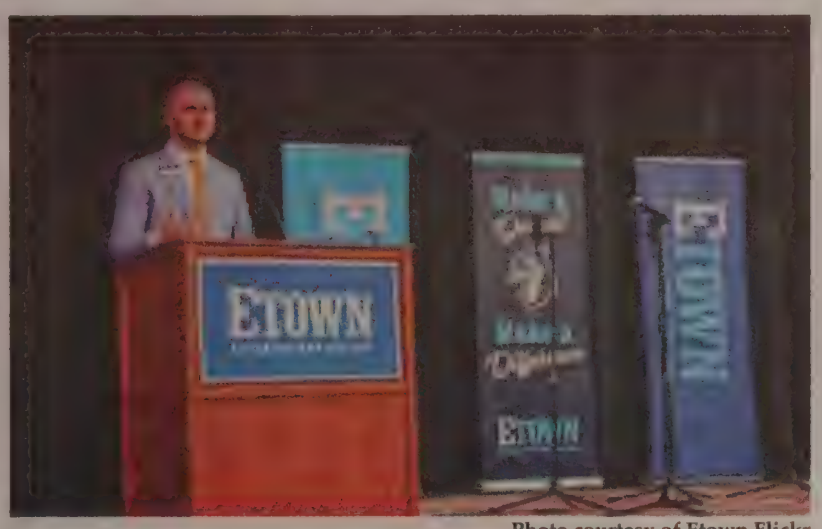

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The campaign was prominently displayed and promoted to accepted students and their families during the Feb. 12 Accepted Student Day event.

Etown student uses genealogy knowledge to help solve cold case

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Elizabethtown College student Eric Schubert has recently solved a nearly 60-year-old cold case. Schubert had used his knowledge and passion for genealogy to discover the killer of nine-year-old Marise Ann Chiverella.

On March 18, 1964, Chiverella was on her way to school in Hazleton, Pa. when she was abducted. Later that day, her body was found with evidence of sexual assault and the police had been unable to solve the case for almost 60 years. That was until Eric Schubert reached out with the belief that he could help advance the case.

Schubert is a third-year history major at the College who had a 10 year long passion for genealogy that led him to start a business. His business would have him piece together someone's family tree to find information that someone might not have known. He has been running this business from his dorm room to help clients discover their past.

Schubert had gotten into creating these family trees when he was only in middle school. One day, he had stayed home sick from school and made his family tree. There he discovered a passion that would spire into a business that he would eventually use to help solve a cold case.

Two years ago, Schubert heard about the cold case. Believing he could make more progress he emailed the police unsure if they would take him seriously. To his surprise they replied and talked with him about working on the case. He said that when the police spoke to him about getting involved, they seemed very skeptical. However, Schubert was determined and managed to convince the police to allow him to work on the case.

Schubert had used DNA technology to find that the sample on her jacket belonged to a very distant relative. This allowed him to build a family tree to help police compile a suspect list. He stated that his methods involved him working backwards to find suspects and create the possible list.

"It was a lot of process of elimination," Schubert said. He explained that while the killer was on a list of 20 suspects, the killer wasn't entirely considered at first.

Only a year into trying to solve the case, a new DNA sample had arisen which wasn't very close or distant to the victim. This sample had been a major breakthrough towards solving the case.

"At that moment I said 'I'm gonna get him' and I did," Schubert said, upon hearing the news about the breakthrough.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

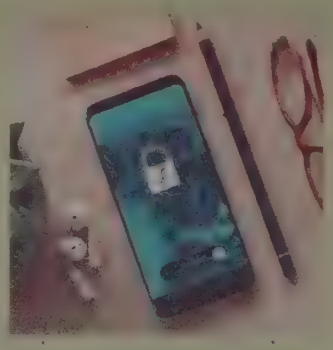
On Feb. 16, Google announced that the company's Android phones will phase out cross-app ad trackers in a change aimed at increasing data privacy for consumers using its operating systems. This change follows Apple's privacy changes last year, in a sign that radical changes are taking place in technological privacy.

Director of Product Management at Google Anthony Chavez sent out a statement introducing the Privacy Sandbox on Android. "Today, we're announcing a multi-year initiative to build the Privacy Sandbox on Android, with the goal of introducing new, more private advertising solutions," Chavez announced. "Specifically, these solutions will limit sharing of user data with third parties and operate without cross-app identifiers, including advertising ID."

These are major changes that will alter advertising on mobile devices. Apple's changes last year came with extensive effects on companies that sell mobile ads based on collected user data. These changes included major apps like Snapchat and Meta, who have millions of users worldwide.

Those changes led to Meta announcing earlier this month that Apple's ad tracking changes will cost Meta $10 billion in ad revenue by the end of 2022. These weak revenue growth forecasts led to Meta's stocks plunging.

Currently, Android device users are assigned special IDs that companies collecting user data for advertising use to build a behavioral profile and place targeted ads personalized for each individual. Google's announcement said that the company will begin to phase out the ID system to develop a new advertising privacy-centered system that will limit sharing of user data with third party companies.



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This is different from Apple's changes, as Google stated that their privacy changes will not be as disruptive as Apple's. Whereas Apple gave users full freedom in picking whether they wanted to block tracking on apps overnight, Google said that they would support current technologies for at least two more years. Google and Apple represent the two most influential and biggest smartphone softwares and those changes are undoubtedly going to sway privacy regulations for all companies.

This difference in approach is due to the fact that Apple generates most of its revenue from selling devices, but Google makes the bulk of its revenue from selling digital advertising. This makes Google more susceptible to paying attention to how changes may affect advertising companies.

For that reason, Google is allowing some advertisers to measure the performance of ad campaigns and show personalized ads based on past behavior or recent interests. The company also said that it would offer preview versions of the new changes to advertisers before releasing the complete version.

Chavez said in an interview that it was too early to gauge the potential effects that might result from Google's changes, but he emphasized that the company's goal was to explore private options for users while maintaining advertising revenue for developers.

These changes are seen as favorable by the majority of customers and policymakers, with users growing more suspicious about software data collection over the last few years due to a feeling of general distrust of technological companies.

This distrust comes after a series of whistleblower reports and SEC complaints alleging companies ignored research that their products were harmful targeting major software companies, namely Meta. There are likely going to be more investigations in the future looking into other companies' data collection methods.

Limiting advertising companies' access to our privacy is an integral step to ensure users' rights. Software companies should follow Apple's steps in giving people the freedom to pick whether they want their data shared with different apps, even if it comes at a cost for advertising companies.

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College is almost halfway to goal of $15,000 in deposits

Finally, Downtown Daily Bread works in the Harrisburg area that does shelter work and acts as a resource center for all those who are hungry and homeless. "They stood out in a variety of ways," Champoli said. "Being a part of the local community was the big thing," he later said. He went on to highlight the great services that each of the organizations provides. When asked about why those three were chosen specifically, Champoli said, "This year they rose to the top of the need list for us."

The main end goal for this campaign is matching $15,000 in deposits for first-year student enrollment. There are also goals that go beyond a dollar amount, though. The College hopes to be able to assist the groups listed above while also meeting the school's motto, "educate for service." In response to what the in-depth goals for this year's goals are, Champoli mentioned "To bring immediate assistance to those groups and support and to let our incoming students feel a part of that 'educate for service' motto." He went on to say later in the interview, "It's almost like preparing them for their journey at Etown. This is more than going to school and getting a degree." This campaign highlights what it means to be a student at Etown, going beyond education in the classroom and becoming more aware of our community.

While it is still early in the process, there has been substantial progress already made. As of Feb. 19, the College is already almost halfway to reaching its dollar goal. "We're almost halfway there. We're about $6,800 there and we've got until March 12 to raise the rest of the money," Champoli happily mentioned. He was very confident in reaching the end goal, saying "We should be in good stead. We've got over 100 students that have signed up for the March 12 accepted student [day], so I think the ones who deposit by that day will be able to push us over the top and hit that goal again."

The College is clearly on a good pace and should be able to reach that goal in no time.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

While the battles over redistricting and the state budget rage on in Harrisburg, there is another storm brewing around the constitutionality of a bipartisan 2019 law known as Act 77. In the 2020 presidential election over two and a half million votes were cast using mail-in ballots that favored Democrats by a three to one margin. A recent Commonwealth Court ruling on Jan. 28, as well as a future Pennsylvania Supreme Court Case, scheduled to start on March 8, could very well change the way elections are carried out in Pennsylvania.

According to AP, in a rare showing of bipartisan compromise, the State Legislature passed and Governor Wolf signed PA Act 77 in 2019. Act 77 amended the Pennsylvania Electoral Code to remove the straight party-ticket voting option from the ballot, expand the window for voter registration, increase funding for the 2020 census, update voting machines across the state and (most importantly for this article) expand access as well as the time window to request mail-in and absentee ballots. Democrats were interested in promoting higher voter turnout by expanding voting access options that included no excuse mail-in ballots and upgrading voting equipment to offer a paper trail like many states had done over the course of the decade. Republicans wanted straight party-ticket voting removed from the ballot in a bid to help local candidates during presidential election years in the suburbs of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

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The controversy surrounding unsubstantiated claims of election fraud in the 2020 election spawned Republican efforts to limit mail-in and early voting access, and it was only a matter of time before this issue spread to Pennsylvania.

In November 2021, 14 Republican state legislators sued the state, claiming that Act 77's no excuse mail-in ballot provision violated the Pennsylvania Constitution. The state Constitution clearly states that a person must place their ballot in the ballot box on election day, unless the voter meets the requirements for requesting an absentee or mail-in ballot in which a voter must give an excuse for not being able to vote in person. On Jan. 28, Commonwealth Court in a 3-2 line decision along party lines declared Act 77 unconstitutional. The Court ruled that the only way to alter the state electoral code to provide for no excuse mail-in voting is through an amendment to the constitution via a ballot referendum. The Wolf Administration appealed the decision and Democrats point out that Republicans voted for the law in 2019 that they are now challenging. Republicans filed the lawsuit after the 2020 elections because Democratic use of mail-in ballots exceeded Republican usage by three to one margin. This suggests that Republicans are less concerned with the constitutionality of Act 77 and more concerned with how it has impacts their election.

Things got even worse for the Democrats on Feb. 16 when, according to Pittsburgh Action News, the Commonwealth Court released an update to their Jan. 28 decision, clarifying that if the Supreme Court affirms its ruling, the no-excuse mail-in voting ban will go into effect before the 2022 spring primary elections in May. Many Democrats are holding out hope that the Democratic controlled State Supreme Court will rule in their favor in March. Public scrutiny of the high court is greater than ever with redistricting and now mail-in voting appeals pending. Two highly politicized decisions could damage the Court's reputation and trust with the public. If Act 77 survives this court challenge, the Wolf Administration's days are numbered and a leading Republican gubernatorial candidate Senator Doug Mastriano has already proposed legislation which would repeal no-excuse mail-in voting. The March winds of change are blowing in Pennsylvania and only time will tell which party will prevail heading into the 2022 primaries.

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Ballard discusses ocean exploration and finding the R.M.S. Titanic

At the end of the lecture, Ballard discussed his more recent work. Currently, he is serving as a National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence. He is also the president and founder of the Ocean Exploration Trust, a non-profit organization that works toward the continuation of ocean exploration. The team teaches in classrooms, has 24/7 broadcasts and even offers internships that focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) in order to educate younger generations on the importance of oceanic work.

"I have every pronoun, and I have every face of our nation on the team because I want the young people in the audience to find their face 20 years out," Ballard said.

Sophomore Alex Lynch did not attend any previous lectures. However, he decided to come to the event due to Ballard's impressive accomplishments.

"I attended because I thought the speaker's background was interesting. I have always been fascinated by documentaries about exploring the sea, so I knew I would not want to miss this," Lynch stated.

In addition, Lynch encourages more students to attend the lectures, as they serve as a great educational experience that differs from what one can learn in the classroom.

"Overall, I would say it was a positive experience. I learned a lot, and I was happy to have someone so notable come to our campus," Lynch said.

The next lecture in the series will be held on March 30 at Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, featuring best-selling author Jim Collins.

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Schubert and police identify killer after two years

The DNA sample had been found on Chiverella's clothing which led Schubert and the police to the suspect. Schubert claims that the chance of someone else having the same DNA to the sample they had found was a 1 in 300 septillion chance.

The killer was identified as James Paul Forte, a bartender with a record of violent sexual assault. Forte had died in 1980 at the age of 38 due to natural causes. At the time of the murder, Forte had no known connection to the family.

"It was great to finally tell [the] family we got him," Schubert said.

On February 10th, Pennsylvania State Police announced Chiverella's killer during a press conference. Schubert and the police had been accompanied by the girl's four living siblings as well as extended family. The official confirmation of the DNA sample had only come in a week before the conference.

"[I] took a deep breath, [and] felt a weight off my shoulders after two years," Schubert said. "Probably the hardest thing I've ever done but worth it."

The family had never wanted to seek revenge for the crime, but instead wanted to see justice.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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On Monday, Feb. 21, the crisis at the border between Russia and Ukraine escalated to a new high. Russian officials claimed that they killed five Ukrainians who crossed the border to attack Russian troops.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba strongly denied these claims, stating in a tweet, "Ukraine did NOT: attack Donetsk of Luhansk, send saboteurs or APCs over the Russian border, shell Russian territory, shell Russian border crossing, conduct acts of sabotage."

This recent development is the biggest in the Russia-Ukraine news since this weekend, when tensions seemed to relax. However, with Russia stating that they have slain five Ukrainians, officials across the globe worry that they are gearing up to attack.

Leaders are currently trying to push for a summit that would include U.S. President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin. Both leaders have cautiously agreed to meet.

U.S. officials have said the meeting will only occur if Russia does not invade Ukraine, and Dmitry Peskov, a spokesman for the Russian government, stated that it would be "premature" to discuss specifics of a summit. On Thursday, the U.S. Secretary of State and the Russian Foreign Minister are to meet and discuss the terms of a possible meeting between the two leaders.

Tensions between Russia and Ukraine escalated in 2014, when Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula from Ukraine. Since then, the two countries have been fighting both diplomatically and physically, causing at least 14,000 deaths.

Russian troops have been carrying military exercises out in Belarus, which borders Ukraine to the north. Last week, Putin said that Russian troops were withdrawing, and provided videos of troops and gear pulling out on trains.

On Sunday, Russia extended the military exercises and announced that troops would not pull out. The troops are stationed close to the border, only about a three-hour drive from the Ukrainian capital city of Kyiv.

The European Union has agreed to set up a military education advisory mission in Ukraine, according to Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba. This mission will serve to train Ukrainians in military strategy. It could also send European officers to existing military schools in Ukraine to educate their armed forces.

Details are still being decided, but the mission will likely take several months to set up.

Many top UN officials are preparing their countries for Russia to breach Ukraine's borders. "Diplomacy must be pursued, but a Russian invasion of Ukraine looks highly likely," said U.K. Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in a tweet on Monday. "The UK and allies are stepping up preparations for the worst case scenario. We must make the cost for Russia intolerably high."

The United States is also prepared for the worst case scenario, with Biden tweeting, "The West is united and resolved-and we are ready to impose severe sanctions on Russia if it further invades Ukraine."

The U.S. has also begun to evacuate its embassy in Kyiv, following the actions of other countries in the U.N. Embassies will keep a small number of diplomats, but non-essential staff and other private American citizens are urged to leave.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Feb. 3 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with a special order, for a report from Vice President for Enrollment Management John Champoli. Currently Elizabethtown College is 22 percent up in applications and 40 percent in applications compared to two years ago.

The retention rate from first-year to sophomore year is between 84 and 88 percent, with the national average ranging from 60 to low 70s.

This was the first week that the new amendment, that includes reports being sent out with the agenda, and only new addition to the reports and questions being done during the first half of the meeting.

Starting with administrative reports, Director of Housing and Residence Life Jenn Azevedo reported that the spring break housing form will be opening soon. Any students that wish to stay on campus over spring break must fill out this form.

Moving onto student comments and announcements, Student Senate Executive Treasurer Jalen Belgrave announced that the NAACP is partnering with the RecWell to hold a variety of financial literacy workshops, the first being Feb. 23 that focuses on the topic of manganing debt. To register, email recwell@etown.edu.

Class of 2025 Representative Kyle Moriarty raised a question about the College's policy moving forward with masks, as many colleges are beginning to lift the mask restrictions. Crowder explained that the College will continue to follow CDC guidelines.

Moving in Executive Cabinet reports, Executive Senate President Andrew Furman reported that Dean of Students & Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez has been looking into moving Senate meetings into Gibble Auditorium, to allow for a larger space.

Clubs Chair Alexander D'Amico reported that he met with Associate Dean of Students for Community Living Jenn Crowder and Assistant Director of Student Activities and Commuter Engagement Brooke Hollinger to begin plans for a spring yard sale. D'Amico also reported that the committee has been continuing plans for the spring horse event.

Elections Chairperson Cece Sadek reported that scholarships will remain open until March 11 and winners will be voted on March 17.

Moving into committee updates, Traditions Committee Chair Riley Becker reported that traditions committee is helping to collaborate with clubs committee for the planning of the horse event.

Moving into new business, the remaining amendments from the previous meeting were the topic of discussion, starting with the amendment that would cut down the number of class representatives from eight to four.

Since the question period happened last meeting for this amendment, it jumped right to debate. Eventually, it was motioned to move into a vote in which the vote did not pass.

The final amendment up for debate was one that would have senate meetings be bi-weekly instead of weekly. Questions and debate were held on the amendment.

Concerns over students' involvement were raised, in regards to the standard has always been that the Senate meets weekly in Hoover 212, so by having it bi-weekly may confuse students who may want to sit in on meetings.

In contrast to this, it was hoped that having bi-weekly meetings would lead to more work to be able to be done in the committees.

Eventually, it was motioned to move into a vote in which the vote did not pass.

The meeting was then motioned to move into an executive session.

Etown alumna discusses STEM-related careers in writing

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Saturday, Feb. 19, Elizabethtown College alumna Skye McDonald spoke at Bowers Writers Houses's "Super Science Saturday" discussing the growing field of STEM-related writing opportunities. The Bowers Writers House is hosting several panel discussions cumulating their collective called "Super Science Saturday." At first glance, the panel discussions may seem only geared towards Etown students who are majoring in engineering, biology, computer science or data analytics. However, that is not the case. There is a growing field looking for individuals with strong writing and communication dynamics within the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

The Bowers Writers House looks to take advantage of this newly developed field for Etown students in hopes of providing more job and internship opportunities. The goal of the program is to allow students to understand the complexity and sophistication of writing and documenting for STEM-related jobs.

In the second edition of the series, McDonald spoke to several students about her background and how her learning experiences at Etown helped shape her professional career. McDonald presented on the topic of copywriting in pharmaceutical advertising.

After graduating with a professional writing major and communications minor, McDonald has been heavily involved in literature and journalism. During the event, McDonald acknowledged that she was very indecisive during her college career when determining her post-graduation decision. She worked for the Etownian, to which she attributes a lot of her knowledge and application skills.

"You can learn a lot in the classroom but it is better to have a new experience to practice," McDonald said. She heavily emphasized the importance of students finding internships to help them throughout their journey of completing their undergraduate degree(s).

She explained how her major allowed her to learn and apply transferable skills to a wide range of different professional demographics. After college, she took up an internship with Harrisburg magazine. After her internship, she began freelance vlogging and social media management while working for local magazines in West Chester, Pa.

McDonald never thought of working for pharmaceutical companies until she was looking for jobs and stumbled upon an opportunity. "It happened quickly when I was looking for new positions," McDonald said.

When discussing the differences from writing for magazines to making pharmaceutical advertisements, she noted that she went from writing monthly which included lengthy articles, to pharmaceutical projects a consumer may not see for three years. McDonald explained the importance of bridging the gap between heavy, scientific knowledge and consumer needs when making advertisements.

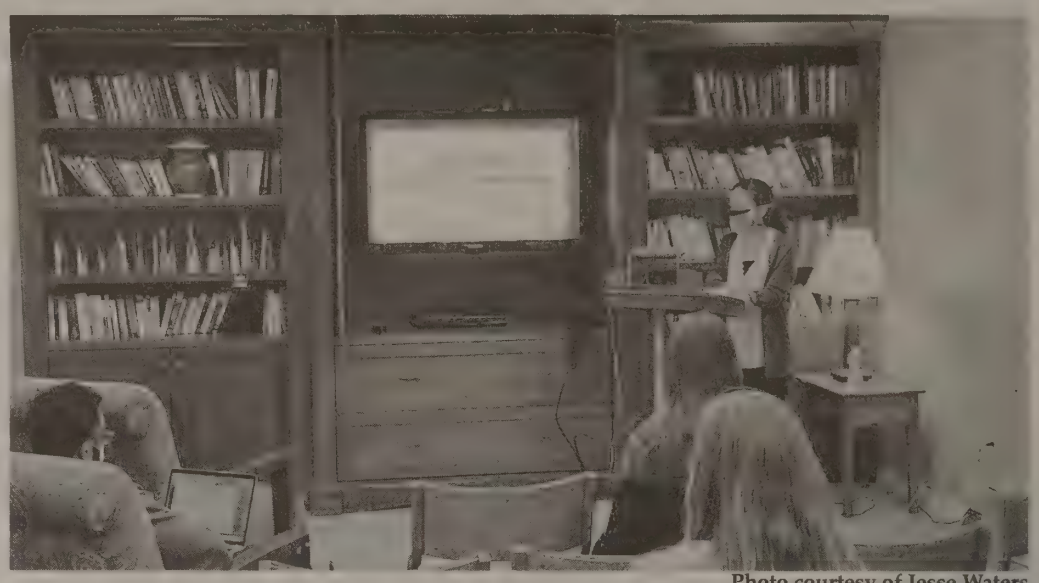

Photo courtesy of Jesse Waters

Elizabethtown College alumna Skye McDonald talked to students about her career path and STEM-related writing opportunities.

Throughout McDonald's presentation, she highlighted the phrase, "less is more." In her profession, research is essential. When performing promotional translation, she focuses on making hard scientific terms more conversational and understandable while not losing credibility. She takes what she knows and simplifies it by writing promotional advertisements that focus on attracting and gaining the trust of clients and follow regulations provided by the FDA.

When copywriting, she follows the rule of the 3 C's: creativity, concise and continuous updates. This motto allows McDonald to remix slogans in her own way that is specific to the audience she wants to reach. Essentially, McDonald focuses on brand storytelling. She gives products life through literature themes to make drugs more relatable to audiences.

After the conclusion of McDonald's presentation, students were given the opportunity to ask her questions. Many questions were related to her experiences at Etown and her navigation process of finding a job even when it does not pertain to her major.

"Try to take as many classes as you think may apply to what you want to do," McDonald said. When taking a variety of classes, students can determine what they like and do not like. She stated that while taking a variety of classes, she was able to perform a process of elimination as well.

McDonald mentioned that college is a space for exploration of character development and figuring out post-graduation plans. She explained that students should not be stressed if they do not have a job lined up after college or if they are struggling to find a definite career path. She is an embodiment of going wherever life takes her.

"Find your own career, or your career finds you," McDonald said.

McDonald will be back at the Bowers Writers House on March 26 at 11 a.m. More information is on the Bowers Writers House website, https://www.etown.edu/centers/writershouse/

Girl's Night Out event benefits women in Lancaster County

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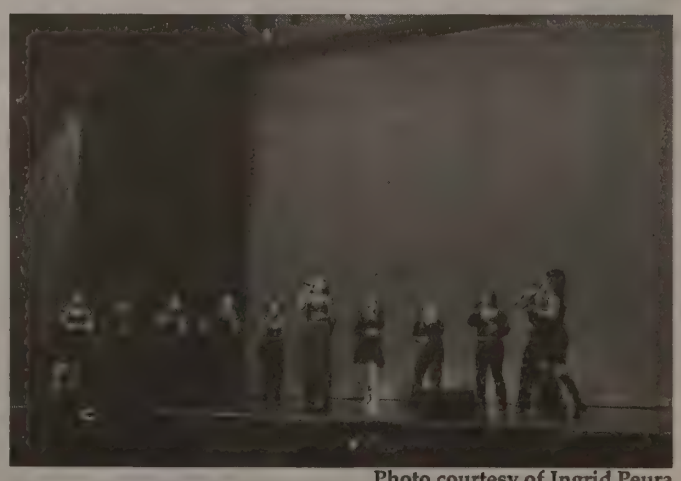
Friday, Feb. 18, the campus community was treated to some wonderful performances by the ladies of Elizabethtown College's performance groups. The Girl's Night Out (GNO) Benefit Event, hosted by our female acapella group, Melica, is held every year to raise money for a local non-profit or volunteer organization that benefits women and girls in and around Lancaster County. This year, the event's proceeds will be going to Lancaster's Clare House. As explained in the virtual program, "Clare House is a transitional housing program for women and children facing homelessness. The employment-focused program is committed to providing a safe and educational environment to help set women up with the resources they need to begin working."

The night kicked off with two songs from Melica, "Mr. Perfectly Fine" arranged by Emma Romeo and "Dangerous Woman" arranged by Maggie Harbord. Soloist Maggie Heimbaugh stunned the audience with the opening number and set the tone for a night of truly magnificent performances from all of the groups.



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Melica, Elizabethtown College's all-female a capella group, hosted and performed at Girl's Night Out.

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Female performance event raises money for Clare House

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Carly Miller may as well have been Ariana Grande during "Dangerous Woman," as she had the whole audience singing along to her brilliant vocals. Following Melica was the ladies of Vocalign with an arrangement of "Valerie" featuring soloists Grace Diehl, Charlotte Long and Miriam Englehardt. They may have been smaller than Melica, but boy did the Vocalign girls bring the heat!

Then, the audience was treated to Emotion's "Wasabi," choreographed by senior Hope McQuoid and featuring a handful of her performers from last semester. The ladies spiced up the stage with McQuoid's intricate and unique "fan-ography."

Then the Dance Team performed a Pitbull mix hip-hop routine, choreographed by one of their captains, Mikayla Close, leaving everyone in the audience wanting more.

Luckily, there was more to come! Emotion's "Hold Back the River," choreographed by Christina Mercincavage and Emily Pellicano was up next. The beautiful lyrical number provided some nostalgic vibes for the audience before Mad Cow Improv took to the stage.

Three of their "cows" had prepared two acting games for the audience. The first game, called "Half Time," required a prompt from the audience that the actors had to improv a minute-long scene about. After completion of the scene, the actors had to repeat it in 30 seconds, then again in 15, 7 and 3 seconds, then one final time backwards in 30 seconds. The prompt for the first game was "trapeze training," and the training was definitely entertaining. Their second game was called "Just Read the Line," and also required an audience-provided prompt. However, during the skit, if the actors chose to, they could pick up a book and read a line from it, which would then be incorporated into the skit. The book used was from the "Harry Potter" series, and the prompt provided was "drinking milk." At some point during the scene, "has anyone seen a toad?" was pulled from the book, along with a few other quotes that were worked seamlessly into the scene.

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Emotion performed several different types of dance for the event.

After Mad Cow's show, the Dance Team concluded their performances with "Bad Romance," choreographed by the team's other captain, Carly Campbell. Their jazzy-number provided the perfect contrast to Melica's "When the Party's Over," featuring soloists Harbord and Rachel Pryslak, who left the audience stunned with their beautiful duet at the end of the song. Then, in true Melica fashion, the girls wrapped up the night with "Wings," featuring solos from Dori Hall, Brooke Challandes, Julia Middleton and Harbord.

All of the performers did a wonderful job at this event, the cheers from the audience throughout the night were such a wonderful refresher after the last year or so of limited performances.

"I was so happy to be able to host GNO again this year after we were unable to last year," said Hall, Melica's vice president. "It was such a good time to be on stage with all of the girls again, and I'm really glad that we were able to support another local program for women." Members of the campus community can check out the following Instagram pages for updates about future performances:
Melica: @etownmelica
Dance Team: @elizabethtowndance
Vocalign: @etownvocalign
Emotion: @emotion_etown
Mad Cow: @madcowimprov

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The ladies of Vocalign sang an arrangement of "Valerie" for their performance.

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~Dori Hall

Bowers Writers House hosts a creative writing exploration

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On Wednesday, Feb. 16, Professor Jesse Waters hosted a 45-minute event at the Elizabethtown College Bowers Writers House. There attendees discussed creative writing over coffee and chocolate fondue.

Waters organized this event to allow creative writers and literature readers to express their viewpoints on creativity.

"I wanted to create something new and interesting during the afternoon that Etown students could attend just after lunch… Something casual and engaging involved with creative writing that could be low stress and a lot of fun," Waters said.

Waters discussed the phrase "Writers owe readers" to the attendees. They have lots to owe readers when dealing with character development, relationships and conflicts.

"Well, I'm of the mind that writers owe readers just what many of the students stated: a sense of respect, and a willingness not to take advantage of the reader; if you set a reader up for something, you owe it to them as a 'payoff' to either create satisfaction through delivering on that payoff or specifically denying it in a way that readers can appreciate," Waters said.

It's the opposite with readers. They do not owe writers anything. It puts pressure on writers to make sure their books hook the reader.

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Delicious fondue was available for the guests of this creative writing discussion.

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Creative writing workshop with Professor Jesse Waters

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"Readers don't owe writers a single thing, not even the first sentence of their book," Waters said.

Waters also discussed the phrase "Jumping the shark." It is a term used in Hollywood. He and the attendees connected it with writers and their stories.

"This is a Hollywood television term that is used when a series has 'reached beyond its grasp'; basically, it's when the writers and producers have milked the series too much, and push the characters and relationships into conflicts which deny believability," Waters said.

Everyone expressed their viewpoints on fanfiction during the event. They are stories written by fans involving fictional characters. Despite that, everyone had their definition for the term.

"I guess I defined it as when a writer chooses to 'pluck' a character from a known series and create and/or develop an entirely new plot line with different relationships and conflicts then are found in the original," Waters said.

Attendees also discussed how some authors view fanfictions. The topic gets controversial. Some authors see them as stealing from their original work, while others admire them.

"I don't really read fanfiction, but I'm fascinated by its presence, and I do think it's an interesting and refreshing way to look at characters that may not have been placed as a central being previously," Waters said.

Waters also connected the mentality of artists with fiction writers. There are two types of mindsets that most artists take. One is that they believe that, in Water's words, "they are right, and the world is wrong." Because of that, their intelligence and perception are unappreciated by the public.

The other mindset is the exact opposite; artists believe the world is right, and they're wrong. They see their work as mediocre, and it will never reach the public's liking.

"Many artists sway between these two states of being, and that, I believe, is why so few people become artists, and why those that do often become neurotic!" Waters said.

Like artists, an author's attitude can affect how people perceive them. After becoming popular, they must decide whether to continue creating their famous work or try other things.

"After all, becoming popular is, for many people, a very attractive thing, especially if it has to do with making money/selling art. Then there's also the factor of an artist's personality; if an artist is extremely approachable and humble, that can often win them fans, and a greater appreciation from the public. If an artist is a real jerk, well… People don't tend to like jerks, and might not then continue to follow that artist and their work," Waters said.

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Professor Jesse Waters is the director of the Bowers Writers House and creates these events for students to engage with interesting people and ideas.

SWAG promotes mental health during winter weather

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On Thursday, Feb. 17, the Elizabethtown College Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG), hosted the "Shake the Winter Blues" event, which took place at the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being from 5 to 7 p.m. Throughout the semester, SWAG hosts mental and physical health events, as well as different awareness activities for all students to participate. The "Shake the Winter Blues" event takes place every spring semester, mainly because of the cold weather that occurs right after winter break.

For a couple of hours, students were able to visit different stations placed inside the Bowers Center. The demonstration kitchen, as well as the upper lounge, The Well and the multipurpose classroom were all locations for students to stop by and receive tips on how to take care of their mental health, as well as guides to relaxation, meditation and many other things.

The event was built around a phenomenon known as Seasonal Affective Disorder, which can negatively affect people's attitudes during wintertime. Senior and SWAG team member Sarah Kleb said that "student's moods tend to be down at this time of the year because of the extremely cold weather, which usually forces people to spend more time indoors." Putting awareness out for this common condition was one of SWAG's goals when planning for this event. "Bad weather can make people feel isolated, and even create feelings of depression," Kleb said.

Photo courtesy of Camilo Arenas

A tea sampling station allowed students to try different teas and learn about their benefits on mental health.

As students entered the upper lounge of the Bowers Center, they were greeted with a small talk on how to go through the five different stations. The first stop was at the Well's main desk, where students received a short guide on the importance of understanding the Seasonal Affective Disorder, as well as some tips for meditating and doing yoga. The other four stations were scattered around the Bowers Center, and students were able to attend them in any order they preferred.

The Tea Sampling station, which was located right inside The Well, allowed students to try over ten different types of teas, and learn more about the effects of tea on people's mental health and moods. Calming, sleeping and energizing teas were all on display for students to sample.

The Dreams station, which gave students information about their own minds, was located inside the multipurpose classroom 221.

The Healthy Napping station was located inside the relaxation room, and it consisted of a guide to beneficial and controlled sleep, as well as the correct use of blue light, since being indoors for extended periods of time can lead to lots of sleep and screen-watching.

The Res Hall Plants station was located inside the demonstration kitchen, on the first floor of the Bowers Center. In this station, students could learn more about indoor plants, their benefits to mental health, their healing properties and their ways of motivating towards positive behaviors. Students could even take home a Coleus plant or a Forget Me Nots flower.

Students who visited three or more stations became eligible to win one of SWAG'S prizes and enter different raffles.

"It's useful to have information about relaxing things and learning about things that can help with distress, as I can sometimes feel overwhelmed," first-year Layla Murphy said. Murphy originally attended the event with the instruction of filming it for Campus News, but found herself interested and ended up visiting most of the stations. "I do find myself feeling kind of down when the weather is bad," Murphy said. "We don't think about that until it is pointed out, and so I feel like this event is very creative and can be helpful."

Photo courtesy of Camilo Arenas

Students had the opportunity to learn more about indoor plants and even take one home.

"Bad weather can make people feel isolated, and even create feelings of depression."

~ Sarah Kleb

What self-care tip should you try based on your Zodiac sign?

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Note: The horoscopes have been given an updated format to better fit the layout of the newspaper.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Try using water as a ritual for cleansing the mind and body of negative energy. The easiest way to do this is taking a relaxing bath or shower. This can even include having a good, therapeutic cry.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You may have been feeling some big emotions recently, so journaling can be a great method to get those thoughts out of your mind and down on paper. Some prompts to get started may include how you are feeling, why you think you feel that way and what about those emotions can serve you positively.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Aries, the warmth is your friend as you brave this cold winter. Being tucked under layers of blankets with a hot drink in hand while watching a movie or reading a book can do wonders for the soul.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): It may sound stereotypical, but Taurus placements may find joy in preparing a home cooked meal, especially if you do it with loved ones. Both the ritual of cooking and eating the food after can give a new appreciation for ordinary tasks.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): This might be a good time for you to do some self-reflection and embrace the quiet moments in life. For those who really need the time to sit in silence, meditation may be a helpful option.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): As the air can be extremely drying this time of year, make sure you are hydrating your skin as much as possible. This can mean doing a moisturizing face mask or working from the inside out by drinking plenty of water.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Take some time this week to clean your environment. The stress, anxiety and tension that may have been residing in your mind and body may be helped by decluttering your physical/digital spaces.

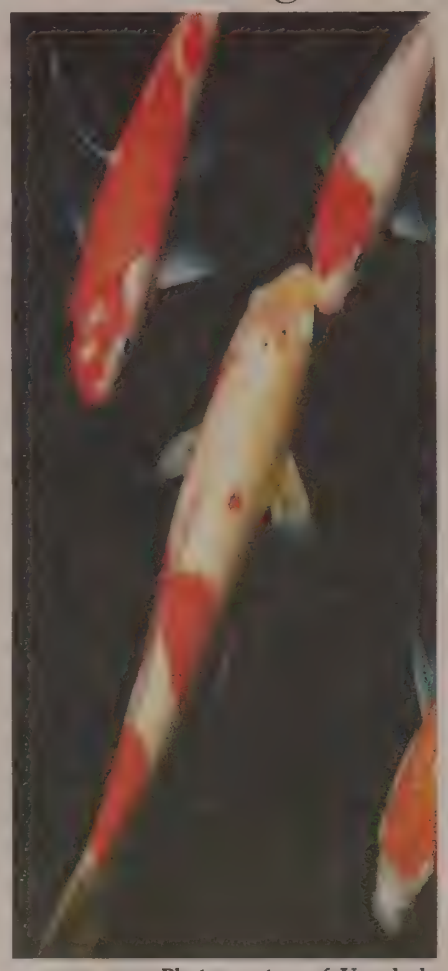
Virgo (August 23-September 22): By letting go of control and pursuing creative endeavors, Virgos may find a freedom they've been looking for. Examples may include painting, drawing, writing, playing an instrument or photography.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Though it is cold outside this time of year, it's still important to be in touch with nature. Even if you take a little longer walking to class so you can soak up the sun, every little bit can help boost your mood.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Scorpios, you may get lost in your heads sometimes, so it's important to stay grounded. This may look like dancing around your room with music playing, spending quality time with a pet, being more aware of how your senses interact with the world or going for a drive.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): For Sagittarius placements, creating more structure may lead to a clearer mind. By scheduling and keeping track of various responsibilities, a weight can be lifted from your shoulders.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Capricorns, take time to prioritize the things you love to do in your schedule to feel less guilty about doing them. If you plan to do a certain hobby or see your friends, you may be less likely to view those activities as unproductive.



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Fish are the symbol of Pisces and it just entered Pisces season.

Asking Abby's Advice

Learn how you can make the most out of spring break

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With the weather getting warmer and spring break quickly approaching, many students are thinking of ways to fill their time without classes, clubs or campus activities to rely on. Sometimes the change from busy campus life to home can leave us wondering how to make the best of our brief time away. We may even be wondering when and what to pack—do we neatly fold freshly washed clothes or just heave the whole laundry basket in a suitcase? Whatever the answer, here are a few tips for making the most of your spring break!

Before you even leave campus, ask yourself: do I really need all this stuff cluttering up my dorm room? If there are clothes you don't wear, things you don't use or random objects collecting dust in the corner, bring them home! A little spring cleaning can go a long way, and it's always nice to come back to a freshly cleaned dorm room. Decluttering is a great way to make space for new things (if you need them), and will also help with moving out at the end of the semester.

While you're at it, washing sheets, wiping surfaces and taking out the trash can help you come back to an inviting and (hopefully) calm space for getting back to classes.

When students leave campus, they have several options available to keep themselves entertained. Inevitably, however, some students will get home, toss down their bags, flop onto the couch and proceed to imitate a human-shaped blob for a week. This is, to say the least, not ideal. While spring break should of course be a fun and relaxing break from studying and school life, complete laziness isn't good for anyone.

Instead of just napping, watching television and eating over spring break, mix it up a little! Literally. Mix up some flour, water and sugar to make bread or a cake! Enjoy a home cooked meal before returning to the marketplace.

Go to your local movie theater, mall or bowling alley with friends or family. Organize your room and do some spring cleaning at home, too. If you have old clothes you don't want anymore, consider running them to your nearest consignment shop or donation bin. While you're out, pick up a puzzle or craft to do in your free time while you watch television or listen to music. As the weather gets warmer, go on a walk!

If you're feeling motivated, get ahead on some homework, look for internships to apply for or do any other chores you've been procrastinating on. If you have a job at home, consider picking up a shift or two for some extra cash! Having time away from schoolwork and campus life can also provide an opportunity to get other things done; sometimes all you have to do is think outside the box. Even in the smallest of towns (trust me, I'm from one) you can always think of something to do.

In short, spring break is supposed to be an opportunity to rest, recharge and get some much-needed time off from our busy schedules. By filling (but not overfilling) each day with fun activities, students can make the most of their break and return to campus ready to restart on the right foot.

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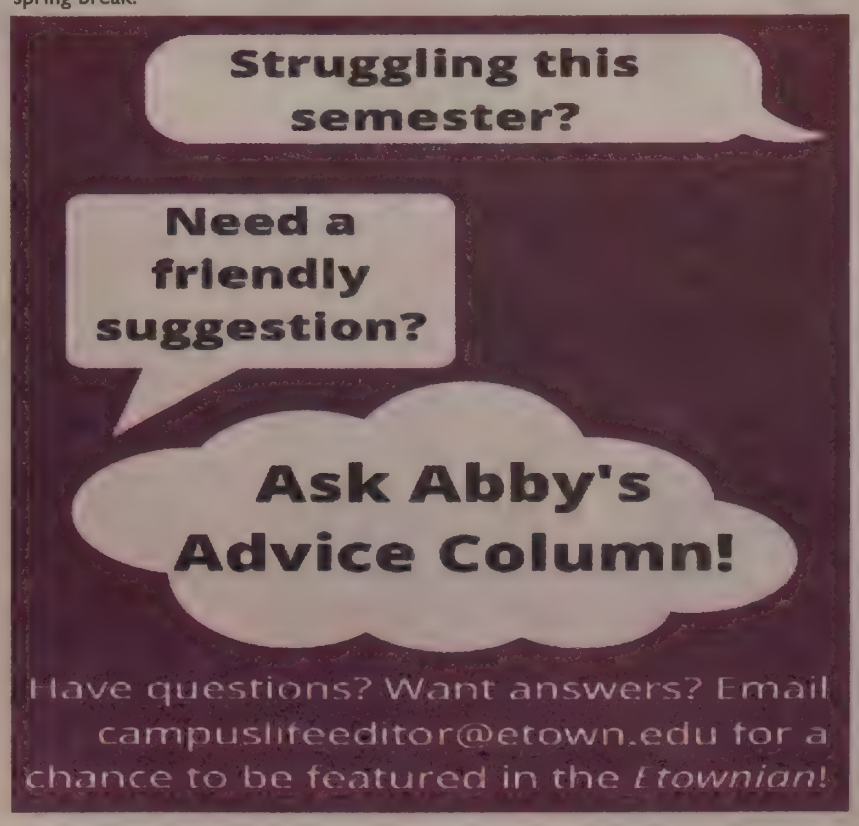
Baking you and your family a scrumptious treat is a great way to have some fun during spring break.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Movie Review: "tick,tick...BOOM!"

Is Netflix's latest Oscar-nominated movie worth all of the hype?

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My first experience with "tick,tick...BOOM!" was in 2017. I was in the midst of my "Hamilton" phase and ready to devour anything that Lin-Manuel Miranda appeared in. On a YouTube search, I found a video of him and Karen Olivio, another prominent Broadway actress, singing "Therapy" from "tick, tick,...BOOM!." Immediately, I was hooked. I did more research on the musical and found out it was "Rent" creator Jonathan Larson's autobiography in the form of a musical. Since then, "tick, tick, BOOM!" has regularly been included in my playlists. Therefore, when it was announced that it was being turned into a movie, and being directed by Miranda nonetheless, I was stoked.

Netflix's latest hit is set in New York City in the early 1990's which is in the midst of the AIDS epidemic. It is also the week before Larson's 30th birthday. He is trying to get his musical, "Superbia," off the ground while nearly being a starving artist. He's in a terrible apartment with a diner job that he hates.

Larson also faces tension between his girlfriend, Susan, and his best friend, Michael, who both believe that he needs to find a stable job. The best quote to sum up the movie is when Larson says, "Everyone's unhappy in New York. That's what New York is!"

Something Miranda is known for with his musicals and movies is that he reuses actors. "tick, tick,... BOOM!" proved to be no exception. During musical number "Sunday," "Hamilton" fans will spot two familiar faces: Renee Elise Goldsberry and Philipa Soo, who originated the roles of Angelica Schuyler and Eliza Schuyler in "Hamilton," respectively. Miranda himself also makes a quick appearance in the song. These are some fun cameos for avid fans of Miranda's work.

Like many people, I was skeptical of Andrew Garfield playing the titular character of Jon. I have been a fan of Garfield since his 2012 movie "The Amazing Spider-Man," but I did not think of him as a singer. I was so used to Raul Esparza's voice on the Broadway original cast recording that I was convinced I could not hear another voice as Jon. However, the second the first song "30/90" came on, and I heard Garfield's voice, I knew my fears were unwarranted. Garfield had the absolute perfect voice for the role. The fact that he is nominated for an Oscar for Best Actor should prove just how much he dedicated himself to this role.

My only gripe with this musical is that it cut two songs from the original soundtrack: "Sugar" and "Green, Green Dress." In one scene, there is a reference to "Sugar," and Garfield even sings a snippet from it. It was not included in the soundtrack, however. "Green, Green Dress," on the other hand, does appear in the movie, but only on the radio. It is a cut song that appears on the soundtrack in which Garfield and Alexandra Shipp, who plays Susan, sing the song. I wish that version was the one that appeared in the movie.

With that being said, there are a few new songs not originally on the Broadway cast recording but by far the best is "Swimming." It was written by Jonathan Larson for the stage version of "tick, tick,... BOOM!," but it was cut. This is a song that has not been heard by the public in over thirty years which is an absolute tragedy.

I cannot recommend that you watch "tick, tick,... BOOM!" enough. The next time you have 121 minutes free, go on Netflix and check it out. With exceptional performances from Garfield, Shipp, Vanessa Hudgens, Robin de Jesus, Joshua Henry and Bradley Whitford, this is one movie you are not going to want to miss. You'll laugh, and you'll cry, and you'll have a new appreciation for what goes into making a Broadway musical.

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"tick, tick...BOOM!" is based on the stage musical that premiered on Off Broadway in 2001.

The Weekly Treat

Natalie tries cinnamon and sugar pretzels

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Hello Crumb Crew, and welcome back to your daily reading of all things crunchy, chewy and everything in between. Today, we will be opening on a true treat today: Auntie Anne's cinnamon sugar dusted pretzel bites!

Regular size cup, lots of sugary goodness, but VERY messy. I would take caution on eating it in places like cars. The chewiness of the pretzel itself was warm and soft, very nice to have on a cold, windy day. There was too much sugar topping on the bites, so the messiness was horrible, but the flavor was fantastic.

I recommend getting these with a drink, specifically lemonade to pair with the sugar. Every now and then, you've got to treat yourself to something very sugary. And though it may taste very nice, you can't have it every day. Eating small amounts every day, sure, but in large portions like these are not for everyday consumption. If you especially get things out at restaurants where you don't have any indication of portion sizes, it can be very easy to overeat and turn your meal into an unpleasant experience. Just be sure to know how much food in the moment or throughout the day you can take and keep a moderate pace. No one wants to be reliving your meal hunched over a toilet bowl or sink.

I give today's pretzel treat a 7/10, and hope I get a little less cinnamon to avoid the mess.

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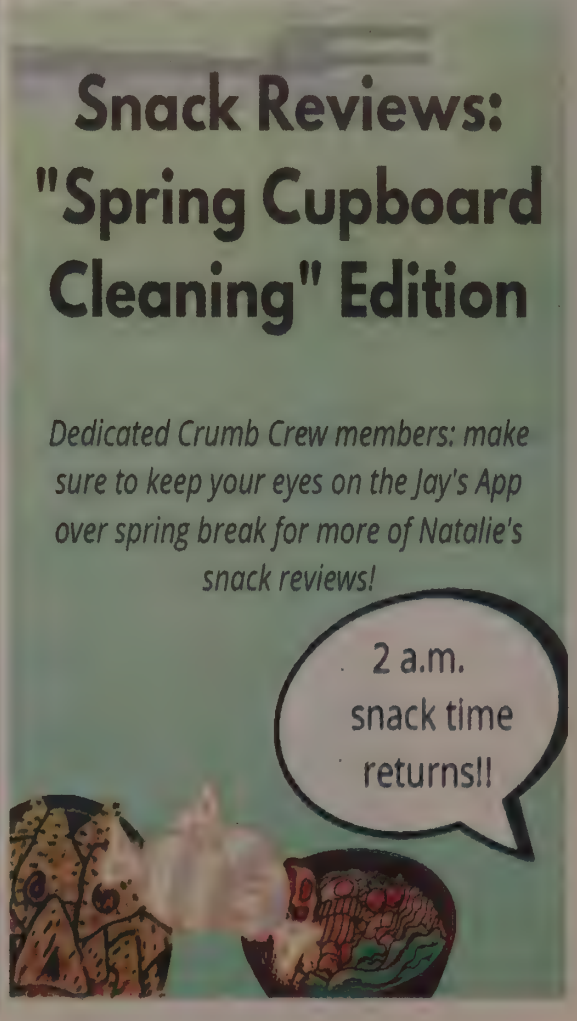
Auntie Anne's pretzels, no matter what the flavor, are a staple of any mall trip.

Rory wanted to check out the other pages of his section.

Elizabethtown History: Did You Know?
When Elizabethtown College opened in November 1901, Alpha Hall (the first building on campus) was not yet completed. Instead of holding classes on campus, the school's first six students attended classes at Heisey Hall in town and later at the home of Joseph H. Rider. Alpha Hall was dedicated in March 1901.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The Students of Etown

Meet Alexis Price and learn all about her vast love of animals plus find out what hidden talent she has

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that their story has value. One such example is the tale of sophomore Alexis Price.

When Price was deciding on a college to attend for the next four years of her life, she decided to look close to home. It was important to her to be near enough that she could visit home for the weekend but also far enough away that she could be independent. Price looked at Gettysburg College and other colleges in the area, but ultimately, it was Etown that felt like the perfect fit.

"This one stood out. I really like the closer faculty interactions," Price said, "and I think the campus is really pretty."

Price's favorite memory from her short time at Etown was the marshmallow game from this past year. The game happened at Messiah University in Oct. 2021, and it ended in a tie.

"It was really fun because there were a lot of people from Etown, and we just threw marshmallows," Price said.

For Price, it seems like her future career path was an easy choice. She is a biology health professions major with the intention of going to veterinarian school after she visits her undergraduate degree.

"Ever since I was little, I always liked animals," Price said.

When Price was little, when she had birthday parties, she forgoed getting presents and instead asked for donations to the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. She got to go play with the dogs. As she got older, she started volunteering there. Then, when she could work, Price got a job at a veterinary clinic at the boarding facilities.

Her love for animals probably stems from home. Price has a lot of fish, an Australian Shepherd dog, an orange cat as well as a German Shepherd dog. Despite having a zoo in her household, Price still has one animal on her wish list. It is also her favorite animal.

"Currently, because it changes a lot, I have to say a chinchilla," Price said. "I really want one because they're really fluffy and cute. They have a lot of personality."

Like most of us, Price has an unrealistic dream pet and hers is a snow leopard. She loves their coloring and thinks that they are pretty. However, their environment is not ideal for Price.

"Obviously, I'd have to live somewhere cold, so that's not great," Price said.

Something that someone would not know at Price just looking at her is that she has a semi-photographic memory. She may not remember every detail, but it is enough to help lessen her study load.

"I can go through the slides for my classes and remember everything on it," Price said. "It's a really good trait."

When Price is not studying, she can usually be found at the Bowers Center, taking yoga classes or just taking a walk outdoors on campus.

Good luck to Price in her next two years at Etown and when she eventually ventures to veterinarian school!

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Alexis Price studies for a microbiology test in the Blue Bean to pursue her goals of getting into veterinarian school.

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Club Feature: LHSU

Celebrate the Latinx-Hispanic Student Union's successes

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The Latinx-Hispanic Student Union (LHSU) may be a young club on campus, but they have already made their mark on Elizabethtown College. LHSU first became an official group on campus in September 2021. With Etown being a predominately white institution, establishing a strong connection between Latinx, Hispanic and other underrepresented groups was already a challenge prior to the establishment of LHSU. LHSU President Ismerai Miranda took this as an opportunity to bring students of Latinx and Hispanic backgrounds together for a greater sense of community.

Ismerai got in contact with sophomore Sarah Moscoso—now LHSU's current Vice President— regarding her interest in starting a Union. Moscoso expressed her excitement to be a part of this new initiative. Before officially being established on campus, Miranda and Moscoco had to take the next steps of finding other students of Latinx or Hispanic background to be a part of the cabinet. This ended up becoming one of their biggest challenges.

"That was the lightbulb moment for Latinx Hispanic Student Union—the fact that two upperclassmen on campus weren't able to really think of many other students who identify as Latinx or Hispanic," Moscoso recalled.

Flashforward five months later, the Latinx Hispanic Student Union now has a complete cabinet along with an advisor and recently hosted their first event. This event was a game night where they led games of cultural significance such as Loteria, Dominoes and Briscas. Each of the cabinet members brought a game that was significant to them, and direction sheets were provided for all students to learn how to play. The intent behind the LHSU game night was to provide an educational opportunity for students to learn about aspects of the Latinx/Hispanic culture in a fun and engaging way.

Moscoso described their first event as astounding and said it opened her eyes to how receptive the campus really is. "The original intent of the game night was just to have a few games and it ended up turning into this big feel-good event where people were playing games, chatting, joking around, dancing, eating snacks and sharing stories about how these games have impacted them," Moscoso said.

The event was a big success—students from all different backgrounds came to support LHSU and their mission as an organization. "I thought it was fun to get to interact with other students and explore a culture different than my own through games, activities and experiences," junior Alex D'Amico said.

Moscoso recalled there to be at least 20 students in attendance, some of which weren't even a part of LHSU, but just came to have fun and open their eyes to other cultures. "Our president, she was actually tearing up when she started seeing how many people came and it was really sweet," Moscoso said.

LHSU is currently in the process of planning for an upcoming fundraiser in hopes to obtain a larger presence on campus. In the future, they would also love to reserve the Bower's Center demo kitchen so they can teach students how to cook different types of Latinx/Hispanic foods. Moscoso says to "Keep your eyes peeled because the Latinx Hispanic Student Union will definitely be providing something fun and cool for the campus to enjoy."

Photo courtesy of Maddi Holmberg

LHSU spends their evening playing games important to Latinx and Hispanic cultures.

Welcome to the Jungle

Meet Abby Smith's sassy and curious cat, Leo

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For some reason, one of the most common ice-breaking questions to ask someone has always been: are you a dog person or a cat purr-son? Pun intended. This question, though seemingly simple, has been known to occasionally elicit extreme reactions depending on who you are talking to. But whether you chose dog, cat or both, hopefully this story will bring you some light-hearted fun for the week.

During the past two weeks, I got to meet second-year Abby Smith's furry companion, a Siberian cat named Leo. When asked what her favorite thing about her pet was, Smith responded with the fact that his personality is "bold and brash." Yet, hilariously, when asked what her least favorite thing about him was, the answer stayed the same. Apparently, his best traits can sometimes turn into his worst, which seems to be a common dichotomy amongst cats. Luckily, none of his traits have cost him any of his nine lives as of yet (that we know of, anyway).

Leo's favorite toys include the fishing pole and the mouse, and it is hiss-terical to watch him play with them—especially when he gets the zoomies. If you have ever had a cat, you know what we mean. They quite literally zoom from one end of the room to the other, sometimes for no reason other than random bouts of the need for speed.

With the attitude of many cats, Leo also enjoys looking down on other people from on top of his throne. Well, okay, the "throne" is just a very tall cat tree in the corner of the living room, but the way he spreads out across it and stares intently at people gives the impression of a king overlooking his kingdom. A cat ruler basking in the light of his subjects' affection.

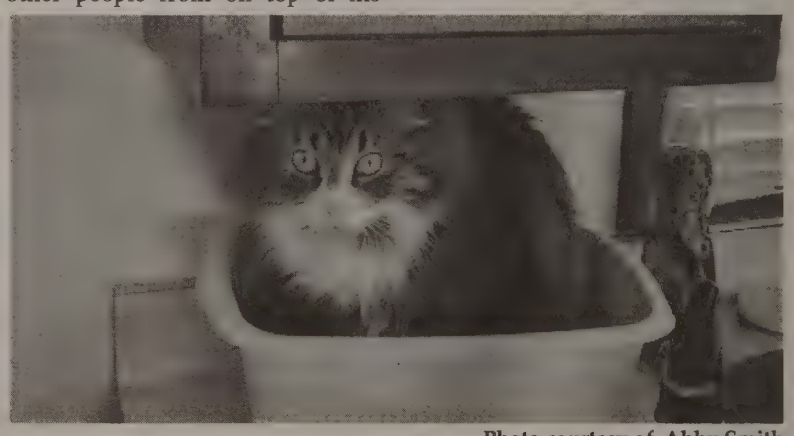
"We call him Leo because in Greek it means lion, and he very much fits the name," Smith told me.

Sorry, Simba, I think we have a new lion king on campus.

As with most cats, Leo has plenty of paw-some quirks to share. When his owner is at school (or even when she's home, really) he loves squeezing his face and body in between the window blinds. Even when the window is wide open for him to see through, he insists that there must be something magical about the mysterious shades. Well, if there is something odd about them, it's definitely not visible to the human eye. If we ever figure out how to communicate with animals, we'll have to ask Leo what was so special about them.

Now for the part that will probably add nine lives to your own life span. After a tiresome but overall normal day of classes and homework, Smith got into bed. Leo, seeing that she was finally resting, climbed onto the pillow above her head, prepared for a full night of sleep and cuddles. No more zoomies for a while, just gentle purrs and the peacefulness of nighttime. I should also mention that this was on Valentine's Day. It seems like a claw-tastic way to end the day.

The two are still living their best lives here at Elizabethtown College, ready for more cuddles, treats and zoomies.



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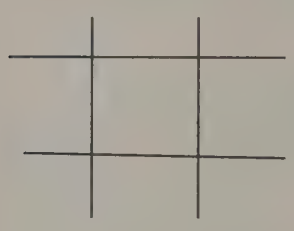
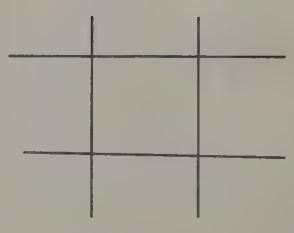
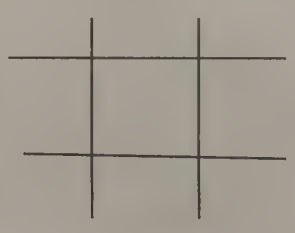
Leo spends his afternoons relaxing in a purr-fectly fitting box and confusing his owner.







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The Nets and 76ers trading players

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The Brooklyn Nets and The Philadelphia 76ers agreed to a trade that is being considered the most league-altering trade of the 2021-2022 NBA season.

The trade involves multiple superstars, including Ben Simmons and James Harden.

The 76ers have agreed to send the 2016 number one overall draft pick and former rookie of the year Ben Simmons to the Nets, along with Seth Curry, Andre Drummond and two future round one draft picks.

In exchange, All-Star and former League MVP James Harden along with Paul Milsap will be joining the 76ers roster.

The trade comes as no surprise, as the 76ers have been trying to find a new destination for Simmons ever since his last time on the court during the 2021 playoffs.

Simmons has sat out most of this year due to mental health reasons and Harden has expressed interest in wanting to get out of Brooklyn, so it's only natural that the two teams were able to make a deal.

After a trade of this caliper, it's often the case that we see people online argue over who "won" or "lost" the trade.

Former Los Angeles Laker and basketball legend Magic Johnson tweeted that he believes with the addition of James Harden, the 76ers have a chance to win the NBA finals this year.

The trade got the attention of many 76ers fans, and many have mixed feelings about it.

"I don't know how I feel about if the trade was successful or not," Elizabethtown College junior Andrew Furman said. "They weren't making the finals with the roster they had, [and] now I think they have a fighting chance."

While Harden is a former MVP, and still an All-Star, as the years go by it's hard to determine how much longer Harden is going to be able to play at an elite level.

On the other hand, Ben Simmons is still early in his career and he could continue to improve for years to come.

"The [76ers] motto is championship or bust," Etown student and NBA fan Sagar Patel said. "The Nets have a lot more potential in the future with those picks."

Both Simmons and Harden have yet to play a game in their new uniforms, but Harden is expected to make his debut Friday, Feb. 25 against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

As for Simmons, there's no official date for when he's set to return, however, when asked, he said he hopes to be present playing against his former team in Philadelphia on March 10.

As for who won the trade, I guess we will find out on March 10.

Etown baseball loses against Bridge Water

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The Elizabethtown College baseball team kicked off their season this past weekend with a doubleheader against the strong Bridgewater College team.

The Blue Jays lost both games, but the outcome of this series cannot be determined by the scoreboard. Bridgewater had already played five games before the matchup, while it was the first time the Blue Jays were able to get onto the field.

Due to weather and field conditions, the team had not had the opportunity to practice on the field and instead had to practice inside or on the turf field outside of the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being. Compare that to Bridgewater having lots of practice time on the field, and even playing five games, and it was not a fair matchup from the start.

The first game got off to a rough start, as the Blue Jays gave up three unearned runs in the first three innings. The bats were cold and going into the seventh inning the score was 9-1. Etown started to stage a comeback and put up five runs in the last three innings, but it was not enough, and the team fell 11-6.

The second game finished with a score much closer. Junior Nick Ortega was the starting pitcher and threw for five innings, giving up two runs. The Blue Jays bats were not as hot as the first game, only putting up two total runs and in the end losing 4-2.

"We have high hopes for the team this year. With most of the team from last year returning and some good new talent we're looking to get back to the Landmark Championship series and win this year," Ortega said after the game.

The Blue Jays were close to winning the Landmark Championship last year, losing to The University of Scranton in the final game. This year could be different, and it seems the team feels that it will be.

The Blue Jays will travel to Georgia and Florida over spring break to play a total of eight games.

American Olympians break records in the Winter Games

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The 2022 Winter Olympic Games took place in Beijing, China this year from Feb. 4 to Feb. 20, and in that time the United States made history. In women's hockey, the U.S. received silver, just barely losing to Canada in the gold medal game.

In women's 30km mass start free cross-country event, Jessie Diggins received silver, becoming the first non-European to ever win a medal in this event.

In men's figure skating, Nathan Chen not only won the gold, but also set a new men's individual event high score with 113.97 points.

The U.S. women's hockey team gave it their all, but eventually lost to Canada 3-2. 13 members of the U.S. team won gold four years ago, and as the defending champions, they were clearly disappointed by the defeat. The U.S. team won five of their seven games, their defeats coming from the Canadian team.

However, with such a close game, the U.S. team earned their silver medal.

Diggins gave the U.S. a lot of firsts in the Olympics this year. In the women's 30km mass start free cross-country event, she received silver, ending with a time of 1:26:37.3.

Diggins not only became the first non-European to ever win a medal in this event, but she also won a bronze medal in the sprint finals two weeks before. However, the most impressive part of Diggins' silver is that she earned it only 30 hours after recovering from food poisoning. After finally crossing the finish line, Diggins collapsed, ecstatic from the race.

U.S. men's figure skating saw a new record as well, as Chen set a new men's individual event high score with 113.97 points.

It was not only a record for the U.S. but for the world as well, having the highest score in the men's short program in the Winter Olympics. After coming in 17th place just four years ago, this is a great success for Chen. Chen was also a part of the silver medal team event, bringing in two medals for the U.S.

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Chen scores 113.97 points in men's figure skating, setting a new record.

Video Game Review: Nintendo Switch Sports

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There is a new game that is currently going through the testing phase. It is due to be released on Apr. 29, 2022.

That game is "Nintendo Switch Sports" for the Nintendo Switch.

The game combines some of the classic sports in the original game "Wii Sports" such as bowling and tennis.

It also combines some of the minigames in "Wii Sports Resort" including a duel, which is a game in which you have a blunt stick and you try to knock your opponent out of the arena by whacking them with the stick.

There are also new games that are scheduled to come with the new "Nintendo Switch Sports" for the Switch, including but not limited to badminton and more.

The game has been going through development and testing and several people, including Elizabethtown College sophomore Luke Hatzell are very excited about the game's release.

According to Hatzell, there were several play testing periods in which the developers released a beta version of the game for people to try out.

After participating in the play tests, he had this to say about the game.

"It has a lot of replay ability, a lot of potential and I think it will be a lot of fun to play with friends," Hatzell said.

As of right now, the play periods have already passed.

There were only a few games made available for the trial run. There are supposed to be more added, according to Hatzell.

"They will add soccer matches later this summer and golf through a free update later this fall (stay tuned for updates)."

This new game is taking "Wii Sports" to a whole new level.

Hatzell also said after participating in the trial, "Frisbee golf could be fun. Archery could also be fun.

I also hope they bring back the varieties gf games you can play, like the 100 pin challenge or frisbee golf as a subsection of golf."

Not only are there a combination of old and new games, but another difference between this version and any of the other previous versions is the online forum.

There will be an online forum so you can play with your friends no matter how far away they are from you.

This new game sounds very exciting and is a much anticipated game by many.

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"Nintendo Switch Sports" is set to be released Apr. 29, 2022.

Harrisburg Farm Show Complex hosts Motorama

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This past weekend the Motorama Events Show took place at the Farm Show Complex for the first time since 2020.

A large crowd made an appearance to experience the show that is all about racing. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the show was canceled last year and attendees were excited to finally get back.

It is a unique experience, as it is one of the only times individuals can watch winter races at an indoor facility. This year the event hosted many different types of races, including Arenacross, Go Kart, RC Car racing and even a Battle Bots competition.

The stadiums in the Farm Show Complex are transformed into racetracks for these different types of racing, and over the two-day event, there are eight different styles of racing that compete.

The Autocross, more commonly known as dirt bikes, is one of the most entertaining to watch. The setup of ramps and turns in the stadium provides a competitive track for the racers as well as an incredible viewing experience for the spectators.

Not only was the live racing an incredible experience, but the exhibition of vehicles to walk around and look at was something to see. If you attended the show, you had the opportunity to see some of the fanciest sports cars, classic cars and race cars that car manufacturers have to offer.

The last offering of Motorama was referred to as the "speed show." This is where vendors can show off their products to car and race enthusiasts. The products range from automotive tools for anyone to specialized racing equipment.

A weekend pass to the show would have set you back $45, which is a small price to pay for how entertaining the weekend was. You could also have reserved seats in the stadiums for an additional cost.

The dates for the 2023 Motorama have already been set for Feb. 18 and 19, and if you are a car or race enthusiast you won't want to miss it.

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Photo of monster truck similar to ones at Harrisburg Farm Show

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The College honors the class of 2024 Emergent Scholars

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On Monday, March 7, an awards ceremony was held in Leffler Chapel to honor the Emergent Scholars from Elizabethtown College's Class of 2024. During the event, 93 sophomores and their chosen mentors celebrated their achievements and emphasized the high level of academic standards they have been able to achieve as members of the Etown community.

Emergent Scholars have accomplished at least a 3.75 cumulative grade point average at the end of their first three semesters at the College. In order to qualify, the student must be a full-time student who has not previously attended another college for full-time study and have earned at least 42 credits in three consecutive semesters. While juggling several volunteer and leadership positions, the sophomores at this luncheon all managed to achieve this academic requirement.

With their exceptional academic performance, Emergent Scholars are expected to leverage the wide range of resources offered by Etown, including ongoing mentoring from members of the campus community. Internship information is provided to students and they are strongly encouraged to work with the Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships to explore post-graduate educational opportunities that include several scholarship programs.

The awards were presented by the deans of the individual schools, including Arts and Humanities, Business, Human and Health Professions, Public Services, Sciences and Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science. The mentors that were recognized were chosen by students who believed that they had an impact on their academic performance and overall college experience so far. There were 45 individual mentors acknowledged at these awards.

President of the College Betty Rider was especially proud of the students' accomplishments. "We honor these sophomores in order to let students know their efforts are acknowledged," Rider said. "They also serve as a mentor to younger first-year students." Rider also acknowledged that this group of Emergent Scholars are especially unique because of their experience with COVID-19. She said that if these students were able to be successful in the past two years, they can be successful through any curveball thrown their way.

Former Emergent Scholar Andrew Furman made a few comments about the awards while speaking in front of the scholars. "Do not be hyper focused on your achievements," he said. "I urge you to all take time to focus on the purpose behind your achievements."

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My reaction to Lions for Liberty's COVID-19 panel

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Editor's note: In order to avoid further spreading misinformation, we will not feature specific false claims in the body of this article. Please see the sidebar infographic for facts about the COVID-19 vaccine.

As I got myself settled in my seat after navigating through a crowd of hundreds of people, a booming voice exclaimed, "This is an exciting time for liberty!"

Liberty from what and for whom? I scan the overwhelming white and overwhelming unmasked crowd and wonder if they know the answer. During the time I spent at this event, diligently and quickly taking notes, I found it for myself.

The event in question is entitled "Science Uncensored: What You Need To Know about COVID But Haven't Been Told." It was hosted by the Penn State group Lions for Liberty, a group who seeks to help students and employees "oppos[e] the ideas that oppose their liberty" per their website.

The group formed "in response to Penn State University's policies and regulations surrounding issues of the pandemic" according to the press release sent to the Etownian editor account. Their mission is most prominently applied to opposing COVID-19 vaccine mandates, while also clarifying that the group is not opposed to vaccines outright and respects the individual's choice to receive the vaccine.

The event took place Friday, March 4 at 1pm at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA as well as the day before at 6pm at the HUB-Alumni Hall on Penn State's campus. I attended the Friday event.

him a standing ovation.

I sat in my seat in disbelief, perhaps the only attendee not joining in the applause. I felt even more self-conscious being one of the few people, if not the only person, in the room wearing a face mask.

I finished my notes and prepared for the second speaker.

The second panelist was entrepreneur and philanthropist Steve Kirsch. After hearing stories about his friends dying or suffering adverse health effects after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, he started the COVID-19 Early Treatment Fund (CETF) to fund research for alternative COVID-19 treatments among drugs that already have FDA approval for other diseases. He quit his job to focus on funding it. He has been banned from Twitter, LinkedIn and Medium for spreading misinformation, though he claims that he only tells the truth.

The main focus of his presentation was the claim that he found data that proves that the COVID-19 vaccine is the most dangerous vaccine ever.

The event was also sponsored by Penn State's chapter of the conservative organization Turning Point USA and conservative body Association American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS). The AAPS has published numerous scientifically discredited claims in the past including links between abortion and breast cancer, links between autism and vaccines and that homosexuality reduced life expectancy in men.

Dr. Marsha Blakesee introduced the event and the panelists, stating that the event is expected to go for about four hours. Each speaker will have time to present, followed by a short break and concluding with a Q&A session moderated by her.

For full disclosure, I did not stay at this event for the full four hours; I stayed for one. I was still able to hear two of the panelists before embarking on my hour and 40-minute drive home.

"Each speaker brings a unique perspective," Blakesee said right before she introduced Attorney Thomas Renz.

Renz heads the law firm Renz Law, LLC whose website states that numerous whistleblowers are exposing major COVID-19 vaccine data coverups. The website's bold choice of a black background with bright yellow and white text compounds the severity of the claims yet still gives an air of unprofessionalism.

When he was not mocking Chief Medical Advisor to the President Dr. Anthony Fauci, Renz was presenting the false claim that the Department of Defense (DoD) is covering up data that proves that the COVID-19 vaccine is unsafe.

"The foundation of COVID is built on lies," Renz declared, as the crowd around me hummed in agreement.

He ended his presentation with a call to action, that everyone must "fight on." The ignited crowd gave

"You think this thing is safe? No fucking way," Kirsch declared to the dismayed crowd.

Naturally, I was eager to know how exactly he came to this extreme conclusion. Did he explain how he determined that the COVID-19 vaccine was a cause of death? No. Did he elaborate on any of the 13 methods used to verify this conclusion? No. Did he discuss how his studies were replicated and peer-reviewed? No.

When you're presenting to a crowd of people who will believe anything you say, you don't have to justify yourself.

Kirsch emphasized throughout his presentation that news outlets and medical experts refused to debate with him about his findings, even when he offered them up to $1 million to talk to him on the record. He confidently claimed that this is because no one can actually refute his data, but I have another theory.

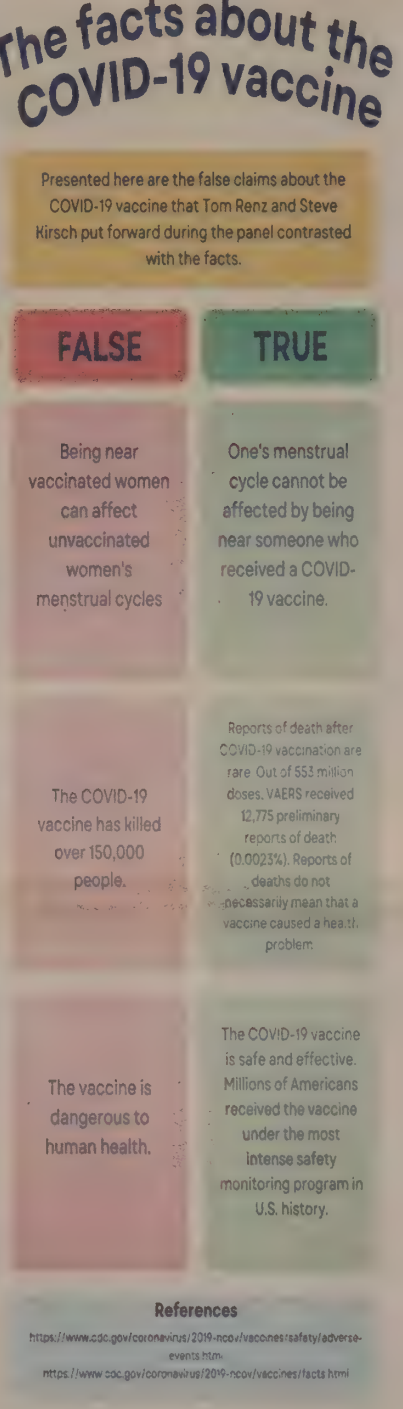
In a debate, both sides have differing opinions that are equal and legitimate. Debating Kirsch and his data gives him a legitimacy that his opponents do not believe he possesses. And people tend to hold fast to their principles even when offered money to forsake them.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), approximately 553 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in the U.S. from Dec. 14, 2020 through Feb. 24, 2022. In this timeframe, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) received 12,775 preliminary reports of death among those who received a dose.

0.0023 percent of people who received a COVID-19 vaccination have died afterwards. Adverse health effects and death after getting vaccinated are rare. Because this data doesn't support Kirsch's viewpoint, it is disregarded, unmentioned or outright said to be false.

It is 2pm, and I have had enough of the blatant lies and propaganda.

SEE COVID-19 PANEL PAGE 2


The facts about the COVID-19 vaccine
Presented here are the false claims about the COVID-19 vaccine that Tom Renz and Steve Kirsch put forward during the panel contrasted with the facts.
FALSE
TRUE
Being near vaccinated women can affect unvaccinated women's menstrual cycles
One's menstrual cycle cannot be affected by being near someone who received a COVID-19 vaccine.
The COVID-19 vaccine has killed over 150,000 people.
Reports of death after COVID-19 vaccination are rare. Out of 553 million doses, VAERS received 12,775 preliminary reports of death (0.0023%). Reports of deaths do not necessarily mean that a vaccine caused a health problem.
The vaccine is dangerous to human health.
The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. Millions of Americans received the vaccine under the most intense safety monitoring program in U.S. history.
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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine has dominated the headlines since it began on Feb. 24. Ukrainian resistance has proven much tougher than either the Russians or the wider international community expected. One crucial factor aiding Ukrainian resistance has been the military equipment it has received from the United States and its allies. Arguably the most significant component of this assistance is the FGM-148 Javelin anti-tank missile system.

First introduced in 1996 and produced by US defense contractor Raytheon, the Javelin possesses numerous advantages over more traditional anti-armor weapons. Firstly, it is light enough to be carried by a single soldier, with its 50-pound weight marking a significant improvement over older systems, which were often mounted on tripods, according to a 2021 article by National Interest.

Perhaps the Javelin's most notable improvement on existing systems is its guidance systems. The BGM-71 TOW, which the Javelin has supplanted as the premier anti-tank system in the US inventory, relies on a wire guidance system. In practical terms, this means that the operator must continue holding the launcher in position until the missile hits its target.

The Javelin, by contrast, utilizes infrared guidance,

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meaning that the missile is guided by sensors in the missile itself which hone in on the heat from the engine of a target vehicle. This makes the Javelin a "fire-and-forget" weapon, requiring no further human interaction after the projectile is launched; crucially, this allows the operator to seek cover immediately after firing, making enemy counter attacks more difficult.

Another important innovation which separates the Javelin from older weapons is the trajectory of the missile. The Javelin is capable of firing in "top-attack mode," which sees the missile fly in a high arc up to an altitude of 150 meters before landing on top of its target. This differs from more traditional anti-tank weapons, which fire directly at their targets. This capability is designed to defeat tanks and other armored vehicles, which feature the thinnest armor on the top of the vehicle.

The advanced technology of the Javelin is especially crucial to Ukrainian defenses because of the disparity in firepower between it and its Russian opponents. According to the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Russia had almost 13,000 tanks in 2020, while Ukraine had around 2,000. Even if only a fraction of those are in use during the current invasion, Ukraine is presented with an obvious disadvantage. Because the Javelin is easily portable by a single soldier, it allows Ukraine to combat Russian armor without needing an equivalent number of vehicles. Also of note in regards to the Javelin's utility for Ukrainian defenders is the minimal back blast produced when firing.

According to the US Army Acquisition Support Center, "The system's soft-launch feature permits firing from enclosures commonly found in complex urban terrain."

The Javelin, which, according to an article by the National Interest, has a unit cost of around $80,000, was reportedly part of a $350 million weapons package approved by President Joe Biden on Feb. 26. Due to the fluidity of the conflict, it is difficult to assess how many Javelins have been used in the war, or how effective they have been.

COVID-19 PANEL PAGE 1

Science Uncensored event spreads COVID-19 misinformation

Kirsch drones on about the dangers of the vaccine as I'm packing my laptop and grabbing my purse to leave.

A woman behind me gasps at his latest claim, saying she can't believe this. I can't either.

As I walk through the glamorous Hershey Lodge, I reflect on what I just heard. The words "an exciting time for liberty" echo through my mind.

The people in that room are being liberated from reality and transported to a new reality filled with conspiracy theories and misinformation. A reality that could cost them their lives.

I did not get to hear the presentations from cardiologist Dr. Peter McCullough or chiropractor Dr. Bryan Ardis. I suspect it was more of the same fearmongering and misinformation from the first two presentations. But you can make that judgment for yourself.

"People who ask for a debate are the ones who are telling the truth," Kirsch asserted early on in his presentation.

But I would argue something else: people who are telling the truth aren't willing to debate the truth with those who lie.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth LePore

COVID-19 convention hosted by Penn State

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

In a win for Democrats, the State Supreme Court ruled in favor of keeping Pennsylvania's mail-in voting laws in effect for the near future on Tuesday, March 1.

The justices issued a court order overturning a decision made in February by a Commonwealth Court Judge that would have seen the end of the state's voting law.

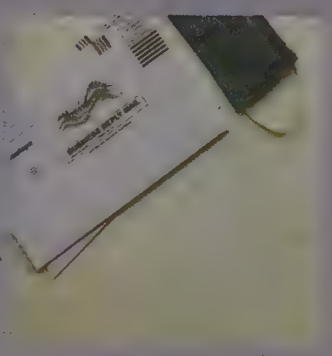
However, the voting law may only be safe for a short time, as the state Supreme Court says they will hear oral arguments that challenge the law throughout the month.

In Pennsylvania, most restrictions against the mail-in voting process were lifted in 2019 as part of a deal in which Republican legislative members agreed to in order to end straight-ticket voting throughout the state.

A majority of those Republicans who supported the measure in 2019 now are opposed to the laws.

Governor Wolf's administration asked the courts to uphold the mail-in voting laws during its litigation. The administration believed that putting an end to the mail-in voting just before the primary season would "only exacerbate voter confusion and the danger of disenfranchisement."

In January, three Republican judges ruled that no-excuse absentee voting is forbidden under the Pennsylvania Constitution. In that same argument, two Democrats dissented to the opinion, saying that the Pennsylvania Constitution does permit no-excuse voting under certain provisions that says elections "shall be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law."



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Democrats throughout the Commonwealth used mail-in voting far more than Republicans during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those now opposed to the measures seemingly believe no-excuse absentee voting provides a level of superiority to fellow Democratic opponents during election time.

Pennsylvania is not the only state that the Republican-led legislatures are trying to throw out existing mail-in voting laws.

A lawsuit from the Arizona Republican Party is also looking to strike down the vote-by-mail system that a vast majority of voters used in the 2020 General Elections.

The Arizona battleground state may be critical in determining the balance of power of the US Senate come the 2022 Midterm Elections in November.

Lawyers backing the lawsuit for the GOP in Arizona say, "In-person voting at the polls on a fixed date (election day) is the only constitutional manner of voting in Arizona."

This is all coming at a time where many see voting rights as a primary attack point for Republican state legislatures.

From the Peach State of Georgia where we have seen state legislation passed that limit early voting sites and the available hours of ballot drop boxes, to the more than 10,000 mail-in ballots that were not counted in the recent Texas Primaries in Harris County due to a change in their mail-in laws. Many of those who are seeing these laws as making it harder to vote come from historically marginalized and underrepresented groups of Americans.

From the site of "Bloody Sunday" on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., Vice President Kamala Harris called the site hallowed ground on which people stood up for the "most fundamental right of America citizenship: the right to vote."

"Today, we stand on this bridge at a different time," Harris stated in a speech to a gathering crowd. "We again, however, find ourselves caught in between. Between injustice and justice. Between disappointment and determination. Still in a fight to form a more perfect union. And nowhere is that more clear than when it comes to the ongoing fight to secure the freedom to vote."

As the Pennsylvania Supreme Court upheld the mail-in voting laws for the time being, there may come a time where we see the only option of voting is showing up in-person to the polls on election day. With the upcoming Pennsylvania Primaries in May, and the 2022 Midterm Elections in November, there is no better time than now to make a plan for how to vote.

EMERGENT SCHOLARS PAGE 1

41st Emergent Scholar Awards held

Furman is a junior who is studying political science and communications. This advice stems from his experience with studying and internships. It is important to him to step back and recognize why he is accomplishing what he is.

After the Emergent Scholars were recognized, there was a luncheon in the lobby of the Leffler Chapel. This included food ranging from sandwiches to Oreo cupcakes. The catered food was provided to show the appreciation for the hard-working students that showed up to the awards. The students were able to socialize with one another and the mentors that they invited to join them.

A student in attendance said that it was a great way to end the celebration. "It was a great chance to recognize my hard work and dedication that I sometimes let go unnoticed," they said. "It was refreshing to step back and think about how far I've come in the past two years. I'm proud of myself and the other Emergent Scholars."

The Emergent Scholar Awards take place every year in early March when students are returning from their spring breaks. This is the 41st consecutive year having these awards. It is only attended by the scholars and their mentors, but friends and family are encouraged to tune into the livestream. There was a session at 5:30 p.m., and then another one directly following at 7:00 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Megan Yoder

The deans of the College's six undergraduate schools presented the awards to the Emergent Scholars and their mentors during the ceremony held at Leffler Chapel.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, Feb. 24 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with a special order for Director of Leadership and New Student/ Family Orientation Stacey Zimmerman.

Zimmerman discussed potential changes they are looking to make during New Student Orientation in the fall and was asking for input in regards to these potential changes.

The first one discussed was moving Campaign from during the NSO to the end of the first full week of the academic year. This would allow for better spacing out of events. Senators showed support for this change.

The other event discussed was Induction that happens typically at the end of NSO, in which all first-year students go to the Dell, the president speaks, there is candle lighting and new students receive the Etown pin. Zimmerman explained that they are looking into creating a similar event to this but it would happen the evening after first-year move in day to allow families to attend the event too.

Concerns that Senators raised about this event included, if a student moves in early in the morning, their family may not want to stay until the evening for the event. So it would be important to have other events throughout the day in order to help want the families to stay into the evening.

In addition to this concern, if some students' families do not stay for the event, it may lead to a feeling of uncomfort for that new student, when others have their families there. It was brought up that this is where the peer mentors could play a role in going to the event to be with students whose families may decide not to attend.

Moving into administrative reports, Director of Housing and Residence Life Jenn Azevedo reported that residence halls will close at 6 p.m. on Feb. 25 and reopen at noon on March 6. Students who want to stay for any portion of spring break, must fill out the form via JayWeb. Housing information for the next academic year will be beginning during March.

Associate Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Darcey Mills reported on the upcoming Ujima Dialogue series on March 9 and 23 in the High Library.

Moving into student comments and announcements, Class of 2024 Secretary Karlie Fromm announced that she is resigning from her position as Parliamentarian.

Class of 2022 Representative Rachel Skwirut encouraged anyone who has a graphing calculator or chemistry goggles that they no longer need to consider donating them to Women in STEM supply banks. This bank would allow for individuals to have access to these calculators or goggles for tests or labs, since many students may only take one class that requires such equipment.

Moving into new business, Executive Senate President Andrew Furman went through a meeting location presentation, in which the pros and cons of meeting in Hoover 212 were discussed along with the pros and cons of potentially changing the meeting room to Gibble.

Furman explained that what sparked this presentation was it was brought to the Executive Cabinets attention that by having the meetings in Hoover 212, there are not many additional seats for outside students and guests who wish to sit in on the meetings.

The meeting rooms were discussed and eventually the conversation was led to discussing how to get Senate more engaged with the student body to help get students to attend Senate meetings. This topic was motioned to be tabled, in which the vote passed.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.

Global Perspective

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This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

On March 2, the United Nations (U.N.) Security Council called an emergency session to vote on a resolution to condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine and demand that Moscow withdraw its military forces. In addition, the body asked for political dialogue and negotiations between the two countries in order to quell the conflict and ease global tensions.

The resolution passed due to the support of 141 of the 193 members, which included the United States, France and the United Kingdom– three of the five permanent Security Council seats.

The overwhelming support highlights the international community's desire for peace and stability throughout the world, along with unification against Russia's unwarranted actions.

However, 35 countries abstained, which most notably included China and India. In addition, five nations—Russia, Belarus, Eritrea, North Korea and Syria—voted against the resolution.

The last time the U.N. Security Council called an emergency meeting was in 1982, so this measure stresses the urgency of the situation in Ukraine, especially as the humanitarian crisis worsens by the day.

Preceding the vote were speeches by multiple countries who sought to influence other states' decisions. One was delivered by Ukraine Ambassador to the U.N. Sergiy Kyslytsya, pleading to those that planned to either abstain or strike down the resolution. "It is a mistake. The evil will never stop. It requires more and more space to conquer," he said. "If tolerated, it advances further and further. The draft resolution is one of the building blocks to build a wall to stop it in Ukraine and not to let it go further."

In addition, Kyslytsya shared a warning to the General Assembly. "If Ukraine does not survive, international peace will not survive. If Ukraine does not survive, the United Nations will not survive, have no illusions. If Ukraine does not survive, we cannot be surprised if democracy fails next," he stated.

When Russian ambassador Vasily Nebenzya spoke, he denied that his country was waging an unprovoked war and targeting innocent civilians. He claimed that Moscow's decisions are "distorted and thwarted" by the media as outlets spread "these lies."

He added that the goal of the military invasion is to protect those living in the Eastern Ukrainian regions of Luhansk and Donetsk. "For eight years, [these citizens] were subject to torment and genocide by the Kyiv regime. To that end, there is a need to demilitarize and de-nazify Ukraine," Nebenzya said.

Since the vote, the war on Ukraine has escalated. The U.N. has reported that there have been over 750 casualties in the country and more than 1.2 million Ukrainian refugees. These numbers continue to grow.

This session was merely symbolic, as the U.N. does not possess the power to intervene militarily in international affairs. However, the passing of the resolution emphasizes growing Russian isolation on the world stage, especially with the recent increase of harsh Western sanctions and the severing of diplomatic ties across the globe. It represents a call for peace as the war in Ukraine continues to destroy the country and upend civilian lives.

Engineering department churns up some ice cream

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Elizabethtown College's Department of Engineering prepared a special treat for students and staff before the start of Spring Break. On Thursday, Feb. 24, the department set up their Bicycle Ice Cream Churn in the lobby of the Masters Building, complete with tons of delicious topping choices and department-themed stickers for sale.

In addition to being a sweet treat before break, the event was held to help celebrate Engineering Week. The bike used to churn the ice cream was mounted to a wooden base, with the front wheel stabilized and the back wheel free to spin. The chain attached to the back wheel was also attached to a gear on the ice cream churn, which was secured to the back of the bike. Third-year engineering student Michael Petricoin explained that "when [somebody] pedals the bike, the chain turns the gear and powers the ice cream churn." The churn was filled with an ice cream mix from Annie's Soft Ice Cream in Campbelltown.

Janice Holsinger, a childcare specialist from U-GRO Learning Centres, provided the department with the following Ice Cream Churn Directions:

Pour 13 cups ice cream mix into the canister (or however much fills the canister halfway), insert the paddle and secure the top

Pour 3 inches of ice around the tub

Sprinkle 2/3 cup rock salt on top of ice

After 2 layers, pour 1 cup of water over the salt

Layer ice and rock salt to the top, but not over the top

When the tub is full, pour 1 cup water over the ice

Once everything is set up properly in the churn, the bike needs to be peddled for at least thirty minutes in order for the mixture to begin thickening. Junior Justin Brown took the first turn on the bike and spent about half an hour peddling. Then, junior biomedical engineering major Kaede Goodeliunas took over the peddling.

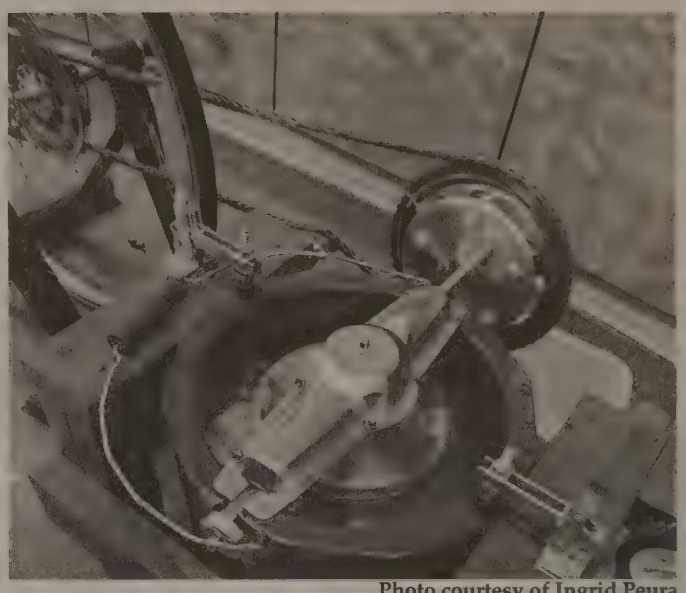
"It is kind of tiring to be peddling this much," Goodeliunas said, who is also an avid pole-vaulter with the College's track and field team. "I have practice after this, too, but at least I'll be warmed up!"

While students waited for the chocolate ice cream to be churned, they were able to enjoy a few scoops of pre-made vanilla ice cream with the toppings of their choice. Whipped cream and various syrups were available, along with candy toppings, including M-n-M's, Oreos (hand-crushed by Goodeliunas, she proudly mentioned,) chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, Reese's Pieces and more.

After some further peddling by Goodeliunas, the canister was removed from the churn so that the ice cream could be sampled. Third-year education major Mary Clay, sampled the chocolate ice cream. Clay spent a handful of years working at one of her local ice cream shops, making her the perfect candidate for a taste-test. "Overall, the [chocolate] ice cream [was] very good," she said, opting to eat her ice cream without toppings. "I don't think it's quite done yet though since it is still a little bit soupy, but it still tastes really good and sweet!"

The instructions provided by Holsinger mentioned that the mixture turned out similarly to a Wendy's Frosty, which explains the soupy-ness. "It may also depend on how long it's peddled for, or the peddling speed," Petricoin explained. "We'd probably be able to thicken it more if we played around with things a little bit."

Regardless, the event was a big success, and everyone was able to enjoy a sweet treat to celebrate the department, which has long been ranked one of the best engineering programs in the state.



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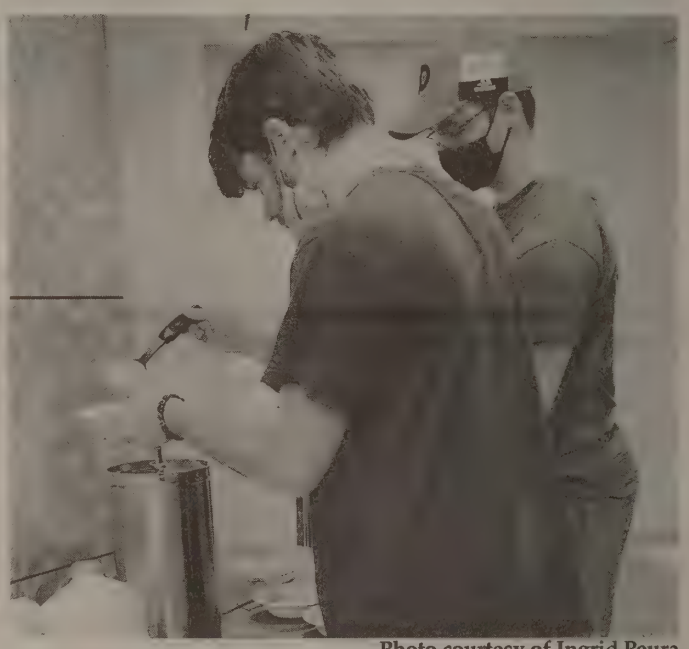
The bicycle's back wheel was moveable and attached to the ice cream churn.



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Attendees enjoyed a sweet treat before the start of spring break.

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Peura
The Elizabethtown College Department of Engineering made ice cream from their Bicycle Ice Cream Churn.

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Peura
Junior Justin Brown rides the Bicycle Ice Cream Churn to make a sweet treat for the attendees. The bicycle needed to be peddled for at least 30 minutes.

"When [somebody] pedals the bike, the chain turns the gear and powers the ice cream churn."

~Michael Petricoin

Speaker presents the poetry of Jane Rohrer at the Young Center

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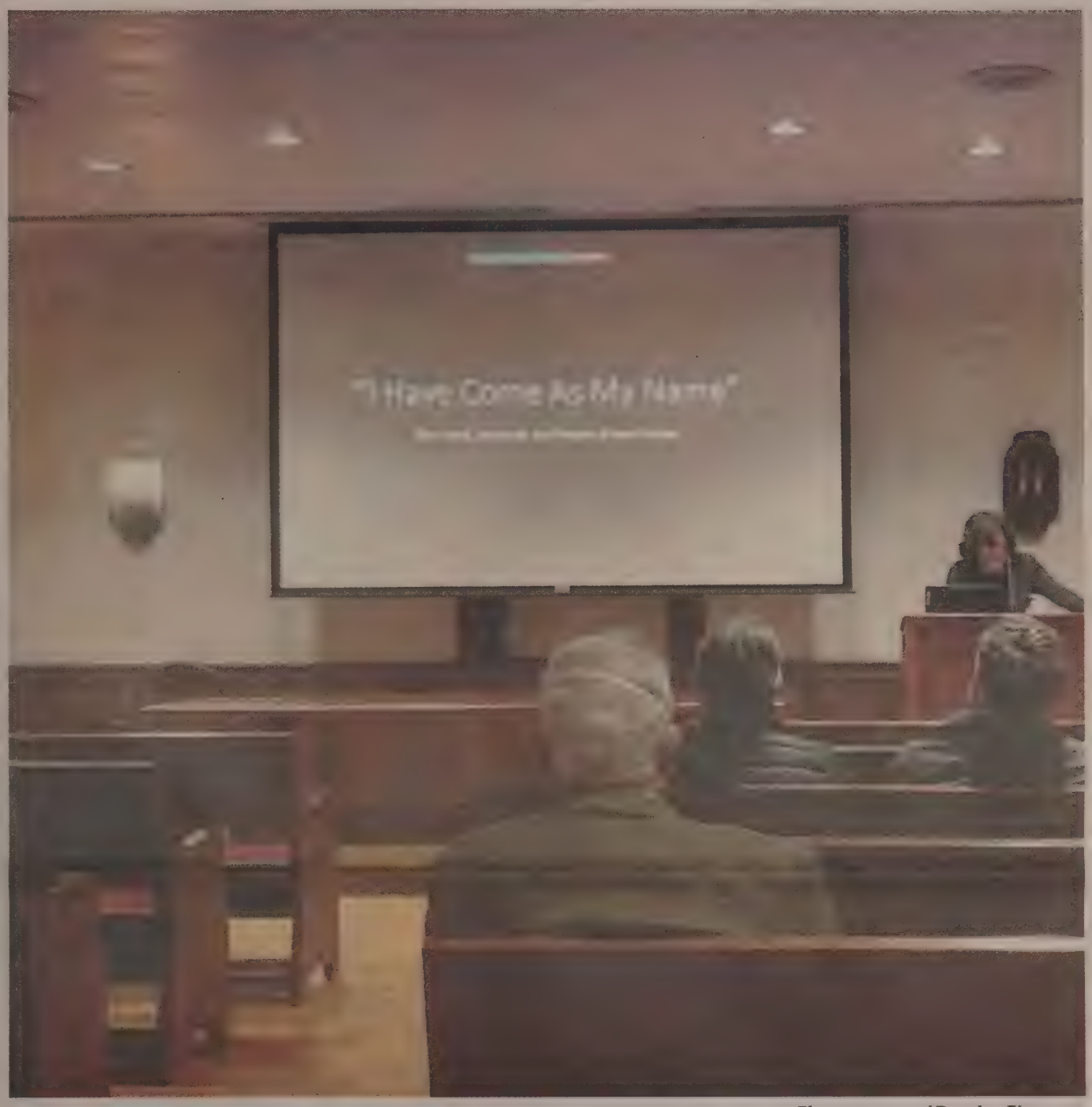
At 7 p.m. on Feb. 24 in the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College, speaker Julia Spicher Kasdorf gave an illustrated presentation and reading of the poetry of Jane Rohrer. 18 people were in attendance including relatives of Rohrer.

Rohrer was part of one of the first generations of Mennonites to take an interest in the fine arts and the first Mennonite to publish poetry in the mainstream literary press in the United States. Rohrer's book of poetry "Life After Death" was announced to be republished for the first time since 2002 in the spring of 2022. "Life After Death" was her first published book and features a collection of her poetry about her husband Warren Roher and her life taking care of two kids and a farm.

"A woman writing from her experience in the 1970s when the poetry world was still dominated by men," Kasdorf said about the significance of Jane Rohrer poetry. "She is writing about life on the farm, life with this painter's husband." Kasdorf co-curated a Palmer Museum of Art exhibition as well as co-edited "Field Language: The Painting and Poetry of Warren and Jane Rohrer."



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Speaker Julia Spicher Kasdorf gave a presentation of the poetry of Jane Rohrer. This event was held in the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College.

"There is not much published about her work but probably the best source would be Field Langauge catalog which contains her husband's work and her poetry."

~Julia Spicher Kasdorf

Rohrer's husband was a painter from Lancaster County, Pa. who was also born and raised in the Mennonite community. Together they lived in a farmhouse in Lancaster County where they raised two kids. In the 1970s she started writing poetry and for nearly three decades, her work appeared periodically in "The American Poetry Review."

"She persevered through the busy times of life and did not lose her ability to see beauty," Jonathan Sauder, who was in attendance and is married to one of Warren Rohrers's nieces, said. "I appreciate the way she was able to get critical distance on her subculture of origin."

Rohrer became interested in and began writing poetry by independently auditing university courses at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. She also attended writer workshops during the same time. Rohrer also never stopped supporting her husband's art and journey to become an art teacher. W. Rohrer would also become faculty of the Philadelphia College of Art for 25 years. His work as a painter features abstract art about paying homage to the traditions of respecting and working the land he worked on.

The couple were both raised as Mennonites. J. Rohrer attended both a Mennonite high school and middle school in Virginia. She was raised on a poultry and horse farm in the Shenandoah Valley, while W. Rohrer grew up in Smoketown, a village in Lancaster County. The two met when they attended college at Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Va. Between the years 1961 and 1984, J. Rohrer took care of the family home and their gardens while her husband would paint in the barn. In 1984, they moved to the Lower Cogslea, Mount Airy neighborhood of Philadelphia where J. Rohrer still lives. W. Rohrer would return to Lancaster County occasionally to sket and take photographs.

"It is exciting to hear about a lady who grew up in the same faith and tradition that I grew up in," attendee George Stoltzfus said.

"There is not much published about her work but probably the best source would be Field Language catalog which contains her husband's work and her poetry," Kasdorf said about where someone can find more of J. Rohrer's work.

In 1995 W. Rohrer passed away and J. Rohrer would continue to care for the family home. In 2015 J. Roher suffered a stroke and survived. She is taken care of by her sons and has begun regaining strength in her arms following the stroke.

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~Jonathan Sauder

Unban My History panel sheds light on book banning movements

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Book banning movements have been on the rise for several years now. It has become increasingly prevalent that parents take issue with many books that discuss certain topics, such as Black history or LGBTQ+ narratives. This was the topic that was discussed on Wednesday, Feb. 23 in the Elizabethtown College Tempest Theatre at 4 p.m.

The event was called "Unban My History" and featured four panelists, made up of faculty and staff at Etown. The event was hosted by the Gender and Sexuality Alliance club (GSA) and was moderated by GSA president Samhar Almomani. The four panelists included Instruction and Outreach Librarian Josh Cohen, Director of the Center for Community and Civic Engagement Javita Thompson, Housing and Residence Life Area Coordinator Eugene Thomas and professor of political science Dr. Fletcher McClellan.

Cohen underscored how the current political climate and increased polarization in our country has contributed to the rise in book banning movements. He also mentioned how social media and technology is a new tool for these groups to utilize. "This is a new phenomenon, having social media be used as a way to try to remove books that cover topics like things about gender or sexuality or race," he said.

Thompson noted the difference in this year's book ban movement. "What makes the ban this year different and worrisome, I think, is the fact that both sides can truly say that we both have social media, we both have mighty groups that have support one way or the other. It's just a matter of voices being heard, and those who are in support of continued learning of all cultures and all walks of life," she said.

Thomas cited his experience working as a former middle school social studies teacher. "When you see students come into the classroom with an identity that's different from yours, there's that want and that need to have their voice heard," he said.

Thomas stated that book banning has a negative effect on these students particularly. "When you have books that are banned that don't allow [students] to fully access their identity outside of their own experiences, what you do is limit the amount of voices that they can hear," he said.

McClellan used his extensive knowledge of political movements, decades of teaching and thorough understanding of history to provide further insight on these issues. "We take it for granted, but critical thinking is not universally liked. It can be a threat to authority. Things like truth-seeking, innovation, creativity [and] imagination can also be threatening," he said.

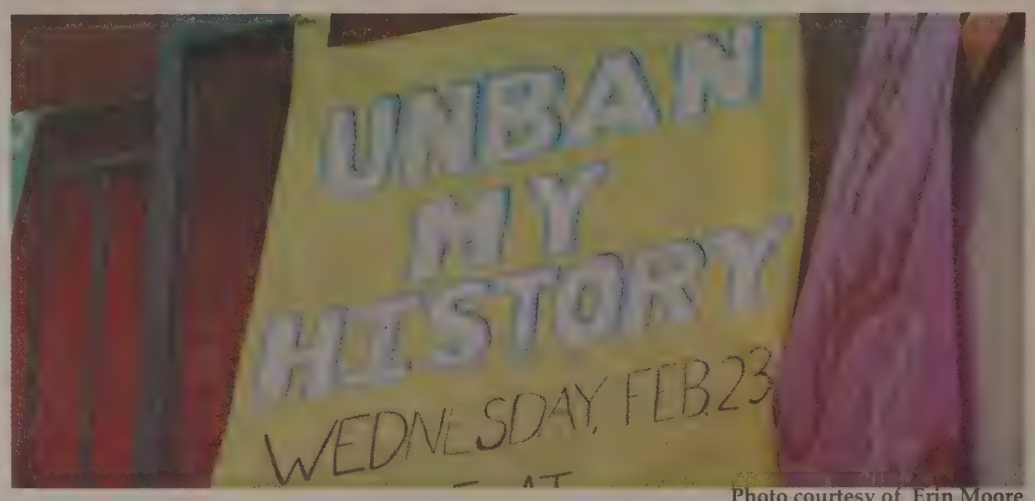
McClellan emphasized that these issues are much broader than book banning alone. He said the current movement is comprehensive. "It's not just banning books, it's gag orders on teachers, things that they can't say related to diversity, 'critical race theory', or not saying anything about LGBTQ students or people," he said.

GSA member and event attendee Layla Murphy said, "I really enjoyed attending and I think that the discussion of books being challenged or banned and why they are being banned is very important, and it was interesting to hear input about books being banned recently from faculty here, who have a background in literature, history or who have worked in libraries," she said.

Almomani said, "It was important to hold an event to discuss the nationwide spread of book banning legislation to ensure that everyone is aware of what is happening when it comes to silencing authors and erasing history."

He went on to further mention that the GSA will be hosting events similar to this in April, since that will be Etown Pride Month, with discussions about book banning related to LGBTQ+ history."

These attacks on the fundamental rights we share that give us the freedom to read what we like and to understand the world around us are not going away anytime soon. The question is what we will do about it and how we can elect school board members who don't believe in censoring thought. Banning books undermines not only our understanding of each other, but ourselves as well. After all, knowledge is power.



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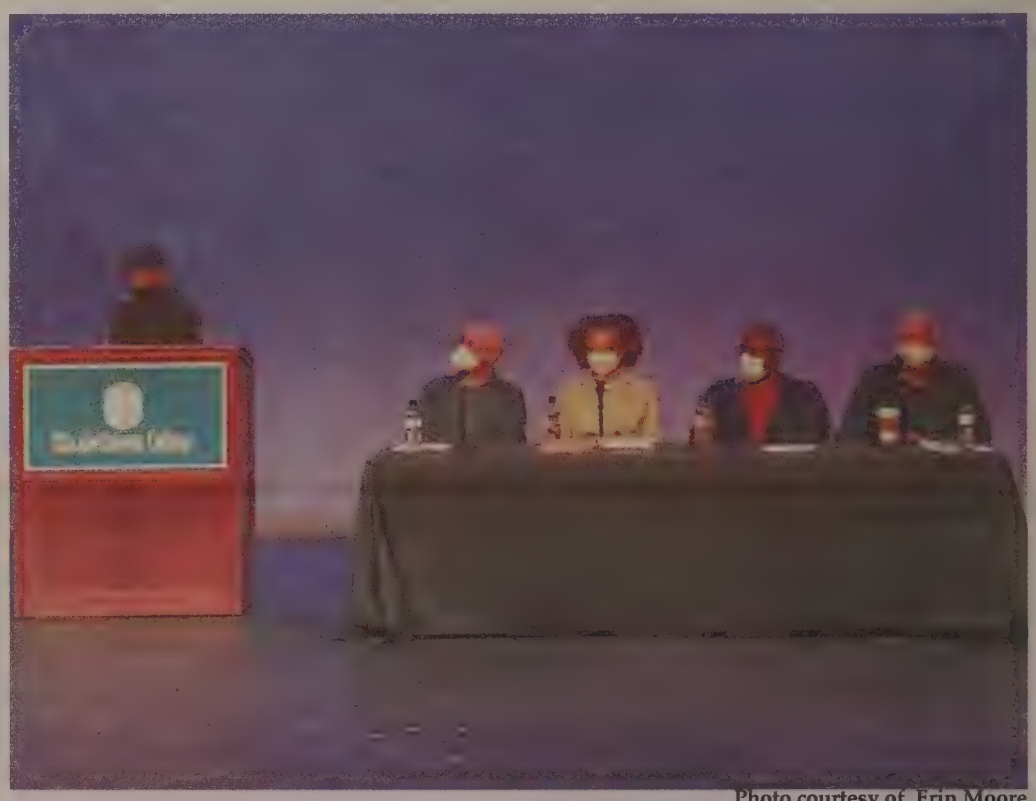
Unban My History panel hosted an event that shed light on the book banning movements.



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This event featured four panelists of faculty and staff of Elizabethtown College. Gender and Sexuality Alliance club president Samhar Almomani was the moderator.

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What place on campus are you based on your Zodiac sign?

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Note: The horoscopes have been given an updated format to better fit the layout of the newspaper.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Aquarius, your thirst for knowledge can only mean one thing: you are the High Library. With four floors of things to explore and learn about, the High Library is the best place for you to discover new ideas.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Pisces, you are the Schlosser Residence Hall. Like Schlosser, you are also an old soul who values traditional things. Plus, you are a water sign, so you are sure to enjoy when Schlosser has its annual flood.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Dear Aries, you are the state-of-the art Bowers Center. Like it, you are ambitious and want to be the best at everything you do. With the multitude of events going on there every day, it is sure to keep your need for adventure satisfied.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Taurus, you are the Blue Bean because of your reliable nature. When people need an afternoon pick me up, they are sure to come to you. Plus, the aesthetic coffee shop vibes appeal to your desire for beauty.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Gemini, you are everyone's favorite, the Jay Truck. Like the truck, you may not always be around, but when you are, you are sure to be the life of the party. With its vast menu, you will never get bored when you come to the Jay Truck.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Cancer, you are Nicarry Hall. Home of the Humanities Departments, Nicarry will appeal to your domesticity. Nicarry is typically a quiet building which will help with your more reserved nature.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Lovely Leo, you are the Steinman Center. This is the hub for all things creative, which is absolutely perfect for you. Your artistic side can truly come to life here when you take Communication, Art, or Graphic Design classes.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Virgo, you are the Hoover Center for Business. This building is the best one to represent you since you are a natural-born problem solver. Your analytical personality fits in great with the business department.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Libra, you are the Peace Garden. It is the perfect representation of you because of your desire to avoid conflict and keep the peace. When the weather gets warmer, venture on over and it could become your new favorite study spot.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Dear Scorpio, you are the Dell. One of your signature traits is your passion, and what is more passionate than the heart of campus where every Blue Jay begins and ends their journey at Etown. This is the ideal place for you to come and just enjoy nature.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Sagittarius, you are the Jay Walk. Even if you are not an athlete, walking through the hall of fame is sure to inspire you with your hunger for adventure. Perhaps, one day you will end up in a hall like this one.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Capricorn, your love of structure fits perfectly with the Jays Nest. There is a clear path for you to follow through the place as you shop, and this helps your sense of discipline. Be sure to check out the potato skins on your next trip!

Photo courtesy of Abby Sholes

The Jays Nest is the embodiment of the Capricorn sign, and has delicious food as well.

Asking Abby's Advice

Find new ways to try writing with these friendly tips

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In this week's edition, we tackle for the first time a question sent in by a dedicated reader. Before anyone doubts the validity of this question, I most certainly did not make it up and received this inquiry via email from a verified student account. The student (who will remain anonymous) proposed the question "how does [Abby] do such a good job [writing for] the Campus Life section?" While this completely true and legitimate question is flattering, I, just like any good magician or artist, can't reveal all of my secrets. Therefore, this week's article will be focused on helping readers improve their own writing skills, including a few tips and tricks I may or may not use while writing for the Etownian.

One popular trick used by writers everywhere is affectionately called "word vomit." When a topic isn't particularly engaging, or when a student is having trouble getting started, "word vomiting" may be the strategy to use. Instead of attempting to structure a well-planned essay or article right off the bat, it may be easier to just write whatever comes to mind. While quotes and proper formatting will be important for the final product, using this strategy can often be helpful for writers looking for ideas and phrases to kickstart their pieces.

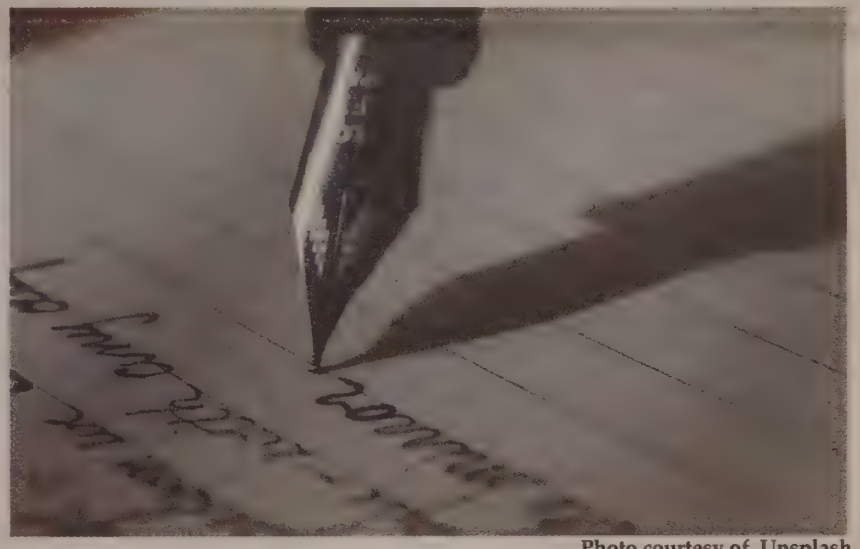
Another trick which may be useful for a student writing a longer essay or an essay with multiple parts is to reread the question and divide it into parts. Then, when planning, the student can divide their brainstorm into parts and structure the initial planning with bullet points. This could also be combined with the "word vomit" strategy as an extra step in the planning process. In addition, finding and organizing quotes within these bullet points may make it easier to write an essay, especially when the information is consolidated into one document.

These strategies work fine for many, but sometimes the motivation to even start any of these processes just isn't there. For some, nothing is a better motivator than the last-minute panic of a rapidly approaching deadline. While I'm not an advocate for procrastinating or pushing off assignments until the last minute, sometimes it simply can't be helped. In a case like this, sometimes taking a break and not writing can actually be the key to a better essay.

For many, good writing takes finding a good rhythm. This can mean finding ways to focus, making time for breaks, and having a good space to start writing in. Sometimes, to focus yourself on the writing, it can be helpful to do something else first. Doing chores, like dishes or cleaning, are sometimes easier than schoolwork; they give the same sense of productivity without the necessary brainpower. This can also help with focusing better on a task: as you do a chore with your hands, your mind may drift to something else. Simply thinking about writing can itself be a way of planning; as you think it over, you may generate more ideas which can spark an interest in your writing topic.

For creative writers and assignments where you have the freedom to choose a topic, always try to pick something you're passionate about or interested in. Always attempt to find something: a lesson, a fact or a person who interests you. As the writer, it's your job to capture your readers' attention—if a topic isn't interesting to you, try to change that for your readers. The beauty of writing is that you control the tone, the word choice and the information in your writing. By taking care in your writing, you have the power to share and develop your voice in any way you want. However, this takes practice. Pushing yourself in new ways (like joining your local college newspaper team) and trying new writing prompts or tricks is the best way to enjoy what and how you write.

While these tips and tricks may not work for everyone, keeping them in mind may provide inspiration for all readers as you start on your next writing project. As for the original question proposed by one wonderful reader, I have nothing to say except that I do my best to entertain. And, as always, my inbox is always open for anyone looking for advice, inspiration or even just for laughs!



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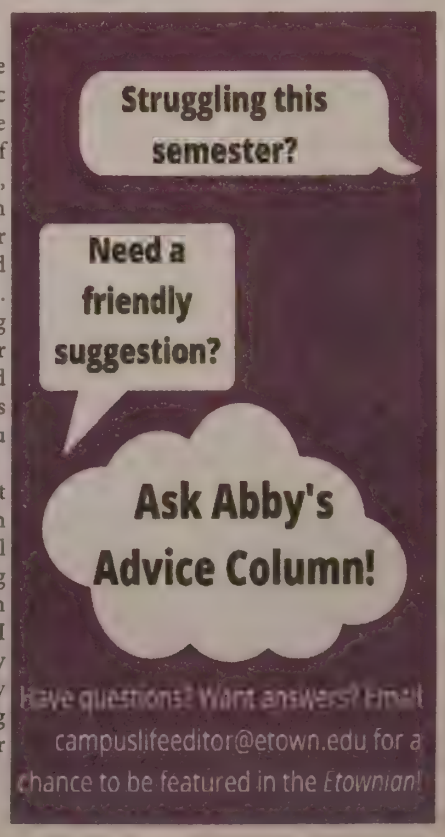
In response to an anonymous student question, Abby gives her advice on how to find your own writing style.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Game Review: "Wordle"

Discover the five-letter word game that is making waves online

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Have you seen people posting strange green, yellow and black squares on social media recently? If you have, it may be due to a new game taking social media by storm called "Wordle!"

It's a simple game: you have to guess a five- letter word in six guesses! If the square associated with the letter is green, it's in the right area. If it's yellow, the letter is in the word but not in that spot you guessed. And if the square is black, the letter is nowhere in the word. So, if the word was "sweet," the word "swipe" would have the first and second squares be green, and the next two black and the last square yellow. You have six tries to sleuth out what word it is. If you fail to get it in six tries, it resets and lists the number of resets you do. If you succeed however, you can post it to show your word sleuthing skills! Wordle refreshes every day, meaning you can wake up with a fun new challenge daily!

What are some other people's strategies for winning at Wordle? Some people opt to just start with whatever word they feel like beginning with, but others choose a more careful approach. Words like "quiet," "start" and "crane" are examples of good words to start with. This is because they are composed of often used letters such as R, T, A and E. When they see that they have a yellow square, they try to find where that letter goes first, as it is the best hint towards what the correct word will be. There are only so many five letter words after all. You should make note that if a letter is green, that doesn't exactly mean that it's only in that spot in the word. Words like "sweet" have two Es, for example. It's paying attention to little possibilities and keeping up to date on many spellings of words that are the key to full green rows in your Wordle games.

Wordle was originally made in October 2021 by Josh Wardle, a Welsh software engineer who had made it originally just for him and his partner, who loved word games. The name Wordle comes from his last name and "word," since it was originally just for his family. But when it became a major hit in his family group, he decided to see if it would be able to attract interest in the wider world. He was right. The player numbers skyrocketed every week, as more and more people enjoyed the simplistic fun Wordle was able to provide. In 2022, New York Times purchased Wordle, but did not change its policies about free usage of the site. Its new connection to one of the largest names in general media solidified it as a mainstay of the internet for years to come. Perhaps, if you're not already playing Wordle, this article has caught your interest enough to join those thousands of people playing it for the first time.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Cunningham
This is the Etownian's Managing Editor's attempt at the March 9th Wordle.

The Weekly Treat

Natalie goes global with a Brazilian treat

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Welcome back Crumb Crew! I hope everyone enjoyed their spring breaks! On mine, I've found a lot of wonderful, sweet spring treats, including a very popular dish from my mom's home country: Brigadeiros, a Brazilian chocolate dessert! These delicious treats are like chocolate truffles and are relatively easy to make. Both the process and consumption can get messy, but the flavors and presentation are all worth it. These are also a good dessert to explore different toppings; the most common choices are sprinkles, sugar and coconut. It's a softer cocoa taste than American chocolate treats and gives a stickier melt and chew. However, because of its heavy milk content, it can become easily filling and/or stomach upsetting if consumed in large amounts, so be careful and pace yourself. I feel that this is a noteworthy snack to write about because you can never become too appreciative of your culture's cooking (and it's also a shoutout to my mom, of course being my first #1 fan). A sweet gooey food like this deserves a rating of 9/10.

And here is, for the first time in this series, a recipe for my featured snack! All you need to do to make these are 14 ounces of sweetened condensed milk, one tablespoon of butter, ¼ cup of cocoa powder and one cup of your choice of topping. First, you mix the milk, butter and cocoa in a pot on low heat and stir continuously until the bottom of the pan is visible. Then, pour the mixture into a greased pan and chill for about an hour. After that, grease your hands with a bit of butter and roll the chocolate into the ball shapes. And finally, roll the balls in your topping. If you are choosing to make these with more than one topping, make sure to separate the rolls into groups so you know how much you are making for each. A great recipe to learn and make with family or friends! Have fun!

Photo courtesy of Natalie Costa-Ouimet
This week's snack review tackles a Brazilian sweet treat.

Welcoming warmer weather

Find out what campus was like when it got a taste of spring

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This week, many Elizabethtown College students could be spotted enjoying the warm weather around campus. Once again, students studied under the shade of trees, enjoyed meals on the Baugher Student Center patio and played games in the grass. While the overcast weather may have put a damper on the fun, this week has served as a preview of what's to come.

As we move towards spring, it seems many students are already thinking about sunny days (which has certainly given them a certain "spring" in their step as well). Many can be seen wandering campus in shorts, and it's likely that many others are cleaning their coats, sweaters and boots out of their closets in favor of shorts and sandals. However, getting rid of all their winter gear may not be the best move for now; chilly and overcast days have been in the forecast for the majority of the week, and will likely stick around for a little while longer.

However, it seems the return of air conditioning units to campus housing served as a good omen, and the campus came to life to enjoy those first days of warm weather. Hopefully, this is a glimpse of spring: full of lawn games, picnics, fresh air and more. In the meantime, students are obviously taking advantage of the outdoors when they can, yet are still content with indoor activities for now.

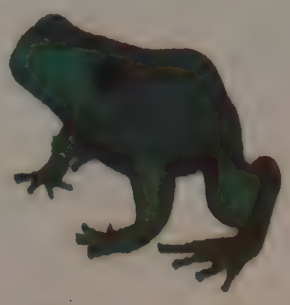
While we all wait in anticipation for spring, there are still plenty of activities to do. Check out spring sales to add to your spring wardrobe, take an indoor fitness class and keep an eye out for budding blooms and birds to signal the coming of spring. This is the perfect time of year to crack open a window for some fresh air, yet also enjoy the cozy comfort of hot chocolate and warm blankets. If you have the time, take a walk around campus or even around town to observe the changes in scenery. As spring quickly approaches, it is sure to bring sunshine, flowers and a renewed energy to the College.

Photo courtesy of Abby Sholes
Although overcast weather may be the norm for now, glimpses of spring earlier in the week have many students thinking of sunnier days to come.

Elizabethtown History: Did You Know?

Elizabeth Myer, a plain-dressing Brethren woman, was the first teacher hired at Elizabethtown College in 1900. This was in direct opposition to the PA Garb Law (banning plain dressing people from teaching) and also made a statement about gender roles. Myer later became the Assistant Editor of the *College Times*, which became the *Etownian* in 1934.

Rory tried some of Natalie's snacks and grew over spring break.



The Students of Etown

Meet Braden Hecker and learn about his thoughts on his upcoming graduation plus what he does for fun

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that each has value. One such example is the tale of senior Braden Hecker.

From Lancaster, Pa., Hecker is local to the area. Although at school he does not get to see his family, Hecker loves to visit them when he is at home. As the youngest of three siblings, he has plenty of people he wants to dedicate time to visit when he is back in the area.

"My mother and my father are the biggest sponsors of my life," Hecker said.

Hecker originally came to Etown with the intention of becoming an occupation therapist, so he joined the College's esteemed program. However, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hecker had a change of heart and decided to switch his major to Health Sciences.

"I like the possibility of helping people like my grandma," Hecker said. "I think it's cool that I might be able to make a difference in people's lives."

With his graduation date rapidly approaching, Hecker has begun thinking about different career paths he might want to take. He has considered becoming a pharmaceutical representative or possibly nursing, like his mother. Right now, he is considering going to graduate school at Kutztown University. Still, whatever path he takes, it will deal with something in the vast medical industry.

"Everything's in the air right now," Hecker said.

His interest in the nursing field came after he took a class on the subject. Hecker then talked to his mother and her coworkers and learned more about the field. He discovered that with the pandemic, a lot of hospitals have lost people due to various reasons like budget cuts and regulations.

"We need more male nurses because there's not enough," Hecker said, "and a lot of hospitals are really aching for anybody right now."

With only a few weeks left in the semester, Hecker is nearly finished with his undergraduate career and has opinions on his favorite classes. One professor who stuck out to him was Dr. Jeffrey Long, a Religious Studies professor that Hecker has taken four courses with. Another class that was fascinating to Hecker was a World War II course. Although they do not relate to his major, Hecker found them enlightening.

"I like courses where I can learn a lot and not courses that are easy," Hecker said.

One of Hecker's favorite parts about Etown is the aesthetic campus. One of his favorite places is the High Library where he can study and read. Another one that sticks out is the old frisbee golf courses. It is far enough away from the lively centers of campus, so Hecker can relax and listen to the sounds of nature.

"It's a very beautiful campus and very old timey," Hecker said.

When Hecker gets a break from studying, he can sometimes be found recreationally reading. His favorite genres are thriller,spy and mystery. Recently though, he has been getting into the Western genre. Two of his recommendations for people looking to get into the genre are "Springfield 1880" by J.A. Johnstone and William A. Johnstone as well as "Paradise Sky" by Joe R. Lansdale.

"It's an acquired taste," Hecker said.

Good luck to Hecker when he graduates and enters the work force!

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Senior Braden Hecker reflects on his experience at Etown and his future goals while relaxing in the Marketplace.

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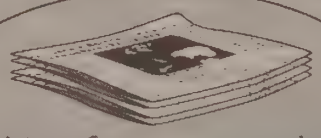

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GSA announces first official logo

Read about the plans the GSA club has for its new logo

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Elizabethtown College's Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) recently announced their new logo

The logo became official on Jan. 25 of this year, and was announced on the club's Instagram. This is the first time that the club has ever had a logo.

GSA President Samhar Almomani shared his thoughts on this change, the process of it being made and why this logo is so significant for the club. "We felt that the creation of a logo was an important step to take as we're currently in the process of transforming the club into a major voice for advocacy, so having a logo ensures that we can formally make our voices heard," Almomani said.

The GSA had a committee created and made the logo over winter break and before this spring semester. Most of the committee were fellow GSA members, including Lily Harris, who helped with the graphic design aspect of the logo.

"There are two main goals for GSA," Almomani explained. "The first is being a club where people in the LGBTQ+ community can come and have fun, find resources and meet new people. The second goal, which is a transition from the way GSA has operated in the past, is us becoming an advocacy club."

Some events that the club has already done were the Unban My History event that was on Feb. 23, AIDS Awareness Day talks and the Coming Out Narratives that had many speakers with experience in these fields of discussion.

Besides the GSA hosting events involving important discussions campus-wide, the club itself is a very welcoming environment where students come together and learn more about the LGBTQ+ community with its monthly Queer History presentations. The club also has fun nights and events together, like playing board games during their meetings and having pizza nights.

After the announcement of their new logo, the club is selling logo stickers on the link of the GSA's Instagram bio. The club plans on selling stickers in-person after spring break in the BSC. Along with stickers, the GSA ordered t-shirts with the logo on them and plans on selling them in April, which is Etown's Pride Month.

Since students do not have classes during National Pride Month, June, Etown has their own Pride Month in April. Having Pride in April allows students to celebrate with friends on campus, and also because many students might not be able to be open at home, campus can be a safe space to enjoy this event. The GSA worked with Associate Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging Darcy Mills, who was helpful in turning this idea into a reality.

"During April, we'll have multiple events spread throughout that month that may range from movie nights to panel discussions," Almomani said. "We'll also hold many educational events and trivia so that the Etown community can learn more about the LGBTQ+ community."

Etown students, faculty and staff will have plenty of time this semester and beyond to purchase a GSA sticker or t-shirt after returning from spring break.

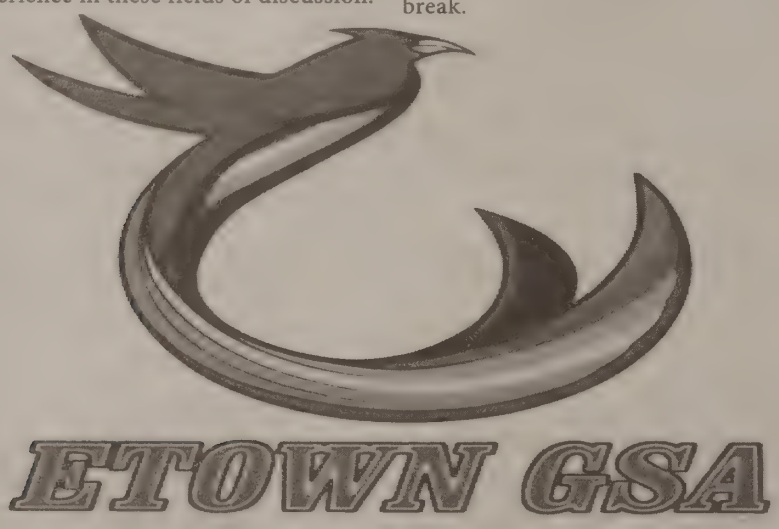

Photo courtesy of Layla Murphy
As the GSA turns their focus to advocacy on campus, their new logo will serve as a symbol for diversity and inclusivity at Elizabethtown College.

Welcome to the Jungle

Meet Penn and learn all about his favorite tricks

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For this special spring break edition of Welcome To The Jungle, I would like to introduce the campus to my dog, Penn. Although Penn does not live in Elizabethtown, he has come to campus many times, even more times than my dad has, and he proudly represents Elizabethtown College on his collar.

The story of how my family got Penn is one I love to tell. In 2018, my brother, dad and I all were attempting to convince my mom we needed another dog. We currently had Ohio, an English Mastiff, Irish Wolfhound, Saint Bernard and Rottweiler mutt who was born in the state of Ohio. At the time, Ohio was five, and we thought he needed a friend. My mom, however, disagreed.

She finally ended up changing her mind on Sept. 15, 2018. My family was at a peanut butter festival in Red Bank, Pa., a small town on the Western side of the state, when my dad showed us some pictures of a dog he found on Facebook. Instantly, we were all enamored by the runt of the litter, a tiny brown and black Mastiff-Boxer puppy. The next day, we drove three and a half hours to York, Pa. to go get him. Like his sibling, he would end up being named after the state he was born in: Penn.

My family's original assumption of Ohio needing someone to play with turned out to be wrong. While Penn and Ohio did occasionally engage in a game of tug of war, Ohio mostly wanted to be left alone and was constantly annoyed by Penn's attempts to play, like any older sibling. Even so, any time Penn ended up hurting himself, Ohio was always there to comfort him. Plus, they often take naps together.

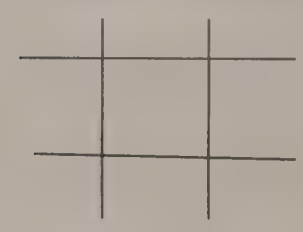
Penn eventually did get a playmate in October 2021 when my family got Kai, an English Mastiff-Great Dane mix. Although Kai is much bigger than Penn, they play constantly. Once, I caught them engaged in tug of war with a cat toy despite it being way too small for that purpose. Kai and Penn are constantly together, and it is so cute to watch them cuddle.

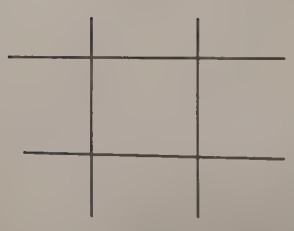
One of the funniest things about Penn is that he reversed Pavlov-dogged my family. On my front door, we usually have a bell decoration hanging up that corresponded to whatever holiday was next coming up. When Penn needed to be let outside, he would take his paw and hit the bell. Most of the time, nobody noticed because it was usually accompanied with a whine which was the traditional signal that a dog needed outside. However, we began noticing it when the bell would ring accidentally, and someone would get up to let the dogs out. I always thought that Penn was less intelligent because he can not give paw with both paws, but after that incident, I have looked at him differently.

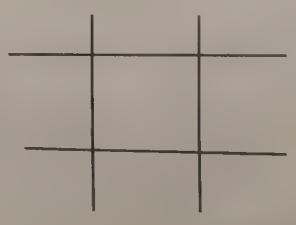
For his favorite treat, Penn is quite strange; he loves ice cubes. Nobody can get an ice cube from the freezer without Penn running out and begging for one. You can toss an ice cube from six feet away, and Penn will still catch it.

Although Penn and I may have our disagreements, like when he refuses to move over on the couch, I do think that he is the one of the sweetest dogs out there. He loves meeting new people, and he absolutely loves visiting Etown.

Photo courtesy of Chandler McGuire
Although Penn loves to spend time eating ice cubes at home, he's always up for a trip to the Elizabethtown College campus.







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Philadelphia 76ers beat the Chicago Bulls

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On Monday, March 7, the Philadelphia 76ers faced off against, and defeated, the Chicago Bulls, 121-106, at the Wells Fargo Center.

The 76ers, with a current record of 40 wins to 24 losses, played a very aggressive game against one of the biggest contenders in the Eastern Conference, the Bulls, with a current record of 39 wins to 26 losses.

The 76ers set the tone of the game early in the first quarter and never looked back.

Philadelphia jumped out to a 32-27 lead in the first quarter and continued to increase their lead up to six points ahead of the Bulls.

The game went on until the final 12 minutes of the first half, and by then, the score was 22-21 with the 76ers in the lead.

Philadelphia continued to play aggressively and continued to score basket after basket during the second half as well, leading the score in the third quarter 29-24.

Philadelphia also won the fourth quarter with a final score of 33-29. Philadelphia dominated this game from start to finish and did not hesitate to top its competition without too much struggle.

With the win, the 76ers' record improved to 19 wins and 13 losses at home and the Bulls moved to 15 wins and 16 losses.

Center and power forward for Philadelphia Joel Embiid had a very impressive MVP-level performance with 43 points, 14 rebounds, three blocks, two steals and two assists throughout the game.

He was not the only one to have a great game, though.

Teammate and point and shooting guard James Harden ended with a double-double of 16 points and 14 rebounds while also adding eight rebounds. The Philadelphia 76ers return to action on Thursday, March 10 at the 76ers home stadium. The jump ball is scheduled for 7:30 pm.

Hershey Bears lose against Wolf Pack

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On Saturday, March 5, the Hershey Bears faced off against the Hartford Wolf Pack. The Bears started out rather slowly as they could not seem to find the offense they needed. As the game went on, it did not go well for the Bears. The final score of the game was 3-1. The Bears wound up losing.

Both teams failed to score in the first period. Eventually, Hartford's left wing player Matt Lorito opened the scoring with 12 minutes and 15 seconds into the second period. The first goal of the game was scored on a power play. On the power play, Lorito scored his third goal of the season, one-timing a shot from the right circle just past Hershey goaltender Hunter Shepard to make the score 1-0. Defenseman Nils Lundkvist and teammate and defenseman Zac Jones had the two assists leading up to the goal.

Trailing 1-0 entering the third period, the Bears quickly scored one goal in the final period. Forward Mason Morelli won a puck battle in the middle of the rink, and centerman Mike Vecchione swooped in and sent a short pass to forward Aliaksei Protas, who snapped a quick shot from the right circle that surprised Hartford goaltender Keith Kinkaid. The goal was Protas' fourth goal of the season.

However, that would be all the offense the Bears would find. At 4 minutes and 11 seconds into the final period, Hartford regained the lead. After a collision, Hershey's Garrett Pilon laid at center ice injured, and the Wolf Pack managed to get the puck into the offensive zone. With Pilon attempting to get to his skates, Hartford's Tanner Fritz banked a shot off a Hershey defender and past Shepard to make it 2-1 Wolf Pack.

A few minutes later at 7 minutes and 19 seconds of the third, center Austin Rueschhoff would extend the Hartford lead to 3-1. His power play goal came off a rebound, and Anthony Greco assisted, as did Lundkvist, who added his third helper of the night.

Hershey went 0-for-3 on the power play while Hartford was 2-for-7. Shots favored the Wolf Pack, 29-25.

The Bears return to action on day? March 13 against the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. The puck drops at Giant Center at 5 p.m. Ticket information is available at HersheyBears.com.

Final Olympic medal count for Beijing Games

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The 2022 Winter Olympics ended just a few weeks ago and the United States performed like they did in the 2018 winter games.

This year's games were hosted in Beijing, making it the second time the city has hosted the Olympics in the past 15 years.

Although the ratings for the games were incredibly low, it was still an incredible event to watch.

The opening ceremony was controversial, and the fact that Beijing was the host city upset some, but the competition was still stellar.

Norway dominated the games, winning a total of 37 medals, five more than any other country. Additionally, Norway won 16 gold medals, which was four more than any other country.

Norway dominated the biathlon events, winning six gold medals, two silver medals and another six bronze medals in that category of events.

Johannes Thingnes Bo won three biathlon gold medals and one bronze for the strong Norway team in the men's division.

Marte Olsbu Roiseland won two gold medals and two bronze medals in the women's division for the biathlon. The two competed together in the mixed relay and won an additional gold medal.

The Russian Olympic Committee athletes combined for a total of 32 medals, the second most total, but only had six golds.

The country of Russia was banned from officially competing in the Olympics for four years after the doping scandal, hence the committee that was formed.

Germany had a strong showing at the games, bringing home a total of 27 medals, with 12 golds. The 12 gold medals made Germany second in total gold medals.

The luge, skeleton and bobsled events were dominated by the Germans, as the events added up to 10 gold medals, six silver medals and one bronze medal.

The United States performed similarly to 2018, winning a total of 25 total medals and eight gold medals. This is two more total medals than 2018, but one less gold.

Lindsey Jacobellis, a female snowboarder, won two golds for the US. She was the only American athlete to have more than one gold medal at this year's games.

The United States women's national ice hockey team was close to earning a gold but had to settle for a silver, losing 3-2 to Canada in the gold medal game.

Canada, Sweden, Austria, Japan and Italy all performed well, as all of them won 17 total medals or more.

Now comes a long wait for fans of the Winter Olympics, as the next time it will occur is in 2026.

The location has been chosen as Italy, specifically Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo.

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Northway had the most gold medals, thus winning the Winter Olympics overall.

Etown hosts the NCAA Wrestling Championship

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Last weekend, the NCAA Division III Wrestling Mideast Regional Championships took place at Elizabethtown College in the Bowers Center.

There were 20 schools represented and 200 wrestlers competed in the championship.

Since Etown wrestling does not compete in the Landmark conference, this was their first postseason match. The championship spanned two days, Saturday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, Feb. 27.

On day one of the championship, junior Brian Schneider went undefeated in the 165 weight class, winning all three of his matches.

His first victory was over Ronald Grevera from Muhlenberg, whom he swiftly pinned in only 1:45.

He then defeated Jesse Walker of Penn College.

Schneider's last match was a quarterfinal, where he pinned Alexander LaVeck from Mcdaniel in 6:27 in his final match of the day.

To start off on Sunday, Schneider wrestled Austin Lamb from RIT in the semifinal match. Unfortunately, Lamb took the victory in overtime, 7-5.

Schneider then moved on to the consolation semifinal, taking on Isaac Matthews of Oswego. Matthews got a 5-4 victory, but Schneider was undeterred, moving onto the fifth-place match, his third match of the day.

In the fifth-place match, Schneider took on Matt Surich of TCNJ. It was a hard-fought victory, with both wrestlers going back and forth. In the final minutes, Schneider scored four points and won, 7-3.

Schneider earned all-region honors with his fifth-place finish. This recognition is a repeat of last year, when Scneider had a sixth place finish.

Overall, Etown got 16th out of 20 teams participating in the Mideast Regional Championship.

The team will return most of its wrestlers next year, with a strong underclassman roster.

This is the first time that the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional Championships have been held at Etown. The new Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being was the perfect place to hold the tournament, and since most students were away on spring break, the campus provided ample parking and walking areas for spectators.

The Jay Truck and the Fresh Nest were operating during the championships, offering spectators and competitors a chance to eat.

Bleachers were also set up in the Bowers Center, and there were multiple matches going on at once. With the open setup of Bowers, fans were able to watch different competitions going on.

The championship ended with a medal ceremony for the top eight finishers in each weight class.

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College Athletics
Etown hosted the NCAA Division III Mideast Championship for the first time.

Video Game Review: WWE2K22

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The 2K franchise is back with a new video game. This time, they have returned with a new game called WWE2K22. WWE2K22 is a video game that is centered around the WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment). It features all of the WWE fighters including John Cena, the Rock, Brock Lesnar and more. This game is different from any of the WWE games that the 2K franchise has released in the past.

What makes this game so different is that the visuals are much more realistic than in previous years, and it features more camera angles than ever before, which should make for more dynamic gameplay as well as making watching replays a lot more interesting. In this game, not only do you have great camera angles, but you can even create your own character and face off against other legends from the WWE.

Compared to other games, choosing your own character has more variety, and more upgrades, which can help you to quickly upgrade and level up your character. Each upgrade can help your character win a match against a better opponent. You can even face off against other fighters as your favorite character.

You can face off against opponents as your favorite character and you can attempt to recreate fights between your character of choice and another fighter. You can even set and break personal records. With the options that exist in this game, it is only fair to include the option of building something called MyFACTION.

MyFACTION is a feature in this game that can allow you to build a squadron of fighters of your choice, and you can upgrade your fighters and your team whenever you want. You can even have your own team face off against another team if you so desire.

This game is rated T for Teen by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB). It is scheduled to come out on March 8, 2022.

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These masks are reminicient of popular wrestlers that are featured in the game.

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Alumna researches new COVID-19 treatment

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Students do lab research here at Etown, just as Christina Angelucci does as a part of the I-SPY COVID-19 treatment trial.

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Over these past two years people from all over the world have been desperately looking for any way in which we can alleviate the amount of people that fall severely ill from the deadly virus COVID-19. Recently, Elizabethtown College alumna Christina Angelucci worked to find solutions we've all been hoping for, serving as lead researcher for a new treatment for COVID-19.

The research that was done was a part of the I-SPY COVID-19 trial, working with patients in critical condition due to COVID-19 and giving them a series of treatments hoping that it will alleviate their suffering and allow them to recover from the disease.

Angelucci, who graduated from the College in 2018, notes the experiences she has had at Etown as being a significant part of her ability to do well in this position. She said to the College as a part of this experience, "If it wasn't for the relationships I cultivated at Etown, I wouldn't know some of my most valuable strengths that I now carry through when speaking to patients, coworkers and physicians."

During her time at Etown, Angelucci spent time working as a teaching assistant, tutor and liaison for the biology department.

Angelucci is working with the Lankenau Institute for Medical Research as a part of Main Line Health in order to conduct this research. This institution is seen as being perfect, due to its research being designed specifically to complete accredited projects and research. The Lankenau Institute for Medical Research has been working for over 100 years working to have an impact that disease has on the population in situations very similar to the situation we have seen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The treatment that is administered as a part of the I-SPY trial is a series of four different drugs, all of which are expected to help patients in different ways to fight off COVID-19. These drugs include remdesivir (an antiviral drug), dexamethasone (a steroid medication) and tocilizumab or baricitinib (immunomodulating drugs). The aim of the study is to determine which, if any, of these drugs are effective in treating COVID-19, making a huge difference in the ability for healthcare professionals to properly treat their patients.

The research will provide 80 percent of all participants with treatment and 20 percent of participants will be a part of the control group.

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The College investigates recent bias-related incident

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Your day starts normally. You're scrolling through social media or talking with a friend, and something happens that's just plain wrong. A biased or discriminatory remark gets posted or comes out of someone's mouth. You freeze. Do you know what to do in a situation like this?

On Monday, March 7, Elizabethtown College sent an email to students and faculty making them aware of a bias-related incident that occurred. The Bias-Incident Response Taskforce was alerted that a student posted offensive racial stereotypes on their personal social media channel. This student was then met with by the Bias-Incident Response Taskforce and recommended to go through the Student Conduct process. An investigation is still occurring into the incident.

According to Executive Director for Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez, "Most bias related incidents, in my experience, come down to people doing and saying things that they don't necessarily realize are hurtful. That doesn't mean that they aren't hurtful or that people shouldn't realize that they're hurtful." A student can have no intention of malice, but that doesn't make statements any less discriminatory or hurtful. So, what can Etown students do to decrease bias incidents? Gonzalez says that education is key.

There are several different programs on campus that provide students with information and education. The office of Diversity, Equity and Belonging is one, as well as the Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking.

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Photo courtesy of Madeline Kauffman

The Office of Diversity, Equity & Belonging held an open hour in the Mosaic House on Monday, March 7.

Etown implements new masking policy and COVID-19 guidelines

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As of March 4, Elizabethtown College has changed its COVID-19 guidelines to make mask wearing optional for all students, employees and guests on campus. Etown made this decision due to the recent updates given by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). All persons on campus are welcome to their personal choice regarding masking and may continue to do so if they wish.

Etown's decision was made following closely with the CDC's recently updated tracking process, which considers three measures to assess the risk of the virus. These measures include new COVID-related hospital admissions over the previous week, the percentage of hospital beds being used by COVID patients and new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people over the previous week. These measures are taken from Lancaster County, which is currently listed as a low transmission area. That, along with the low number of cases recorded on campus in the last month, informed the college's decision to update the guidelines.

When discussing this change, The COVID-19 Taskforce reviewed the CDC's guidelines and the low number of cases on campus, as well as supporting students and employees in their individual decisions. Some students are wary of this change, however. "I don't think it should have been lifted during spring break because people traveled. If it had been lifted today or something it would have been better. I would have felt more safe. But it is nice to see people's faces," sophomore Judas Foster said.

When asked to take a survey regarding Etown's new mask policy, participants gave their anonymous responses to the change. About 50 percent of responders reported feeling very satisfied with the recent mask policy update, while 11.1 percent reported feeling very unsatisfied. 52.8 percent of respondents reported not intending to mask on campus, 27.8 percent masking occasionally, and 19.4 percent state that they will continue to wear a mask. One anonymous responder wrote their support for the college's decision. "I am glad that Etown finally made the decision to grant us freedom of choice with regards to wearing masks. I feel liberated by this new policy and am excited to have regained some semblance of normalcy in my college experience," the anonymous responder said.

When asked about possible outbreak after the return from Spring Break, the COVID-19 Taskforce stated that this was a part of the discussion. "We understood that this was a possibility, and have been monitoring the number of student cases. Should COVID-19 cases on our campus rise to significant levels or our county move into the CDC's high transmission categories, the College may reinstate the indoor masking mandate and will communicate that immediately," COVID-19 Taskforce said.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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During Apple's first event in 2022, which was hosted by CEO Tim Cook on March 8, the company unveiled a new addition to the iPhone family called iPhone SE (the SE stands for special edition). This device is markedly different from its predecessors due to its low cost, selling at $429. Many tech experts have pointed out that it is far from the flashiest smartphone made by Apple, but the device's affordability may be a game-changer.

Although the iPhone SE is not pricey, it still has many capabilities that more than a few customers will find pleasing. For example, the new smartphone will have 5G capabilities, will hold a faster chip inside and is the last iPhone to have a home button and fingerprint sensor. This last feature is particularly missed by many Apple fans and will undoubtedly attract buyers to purchase the iPhone SE.

Many tech enthusiasts have pointed out that it is impressive that Apple has been able to install the speedy A15 Bionic processor used in other more expensive models into the iPhone SE. That's rare to find in a phone that costs less than $500, but the iPhone SE is not seen as impressive by some critics. One reason is that the new iPhone SE is more expensive than before, with a $30 addition to the price of the original. In comparison to other affordable versions from Google and Samsung, Apple's iPhone has a smaller and less detailed screen than its opponents. Also, the iPhone SE has one rear camera, which makes it worse for taking photos than other devices with comparable prices. With that being said, it is cheaper than those other devices and can outperform both of them due to the A15 Bionic chip.

Along with the release of the iPhone, Apple unveiled costs for a new and speedier iPad Air tablet selling for $599. The company also introduced the Mac Studio, a powerful and capable desktop computer that is basically an updated version of the Mac Mini. The cheapest version of the computer retails at $1,999, with an extra $1,599 for the display screen for the new 27-inch monitor.

The biggest change in the way Apple hosted the event was the shift to in-person shows, instead of the video format used during the pandemic. Various news outlets reported that the announcement was particularly subdued due to the unusual time that Apple and the US tech industry are going through. The company had halted sales of its products in Russia the week prior and is diminishing the presence of Apple Pay services due to international pressures. This is a drastic change for the company, as Apple is the third largest smartphone manufacturer in the country.

Facing an uncertain future, it is a good step forward for the company to lower prices to increase affordability. With 5G connections becoming mainstream, it is paramount to ensure equitable access across all socioeconomic status.

Etown alumnus shelters in Kyiv, Ukraine

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Elizabethtown College alumnus Vladyslav Solodovynk '04 has been sheltering in place in his home in Kyiv, Ukraine since Feb. 24, which marked the beginning of the Russian war on Ukraine.

Solodovynk has resided in the capital city since 2009, and the invasion of his country has wholly upended his life.

"The first day was a complete shock," Solodovynk said to Fox 43 News in an interview. "You didn't know what to do. You didn't know where to go."

Without international military intervention, Solodovynk believes that the attack on Ukraine will expand to neighboring countries. Currently, the United States has only imposed harsh sanctions on Moscow, including a ban on the imports of Russian oil, liquefied natural gas and coal.

However, there have been ongoing discussions regarding a no-fly zone, which is a militarily enforced airspace where certain aircraft are not permitted to enter. This step may aid Ukraine in its efforts against Russia but could also escalate the conflict and force outside countries to become involved.

"I hope [those fighting for Ukraine] last as long as they can, but unless we get help, I'm afraid this will not be the last democratic country invaded in Europe in the world," Solodovynk stated.

Ukraine has banned men aged 18-60 from leaving the country in anticipation that they will be drafted. This rule will remain in effect until the end of martial law, as declared by the government. However, Solodovynk said that he has not been selected to enter the military due to his lack of experience with firearms but hopes for the success of his country.

Watch the Fox 43 interview with Solodovynk here: https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/central-pennsylvania-student-in-ukraine-kyiv-elizabethtown-university-graduate-vladyslav-solodovynk/521-639fb443-785e-41ed-a62b-81cdd6b4d9b8.

Photo courtesy of Etown Instagram

Rev. Amy Shorner-Johnson speaks during the afternoon Vigil for Peace.

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Students place petals on a sunflower in solidarity with Ukraine.

BIAS INCIDENT PAGE 1

Taskforce addresses bias incident report

Although the main role of clubs is not necessarily to educate students on their identities, many multicultural clubs offer informational programs. Clubs like the Gender Sexuality Alliance, Noir, Latinx Association and the Asian Student Culture Club have all offered programs in recent weeks.

"One of the things that we've identified as a trend is language.We know that we need to do more, and we're looking at ways that we can get more educational information out into the community," Gonzalez said.

No education system will ever be perfect, and no matter how much we would like to stop bias incidents, some will occur. So, what happens if you hear or see a biased statement? Do you know how to report it?

There are several different ways that a student could go about reporting an incident. These rules are outlined on the Diversity, Equity and Belonging website as well as in the student code of conduct.

Students could call the EC tip line, which goes directly to campus safety and is anonymous. Another anonymous way is the public reporting form that goes to the student life office.

Students could also talk to their Resident Assistant or faculty about an incident.

Once a report is received and determined to be a bias incident, the Bias-Incident Response Taskforce reviews the incident and refers it. They can also recommend students to go through the conduct process.

Support for affected students comes in a variety of different ways, like counseling services or mediation. Sometimes, people want to gather and share in an experience, need a restorative conversation or just need to vent about their experiences.

"This is the first year we have a bias incident response team that is putting information out and that we have this process," Gonzalez said. "We are working on building trust because we know there is a gap in that trust, and that's going to come with time. We welcome the feedback. If anyone does have feedback, please contact me directly. I'd be happy to talk to anybody."

RESEARCH PAGE 1

Graduate seeks to alleviate COVID effects

The drugs being administered that are found to be minimally or not effective will be removed from the study.

Only drugs which are found to be promising in leading to patients recovering from the virus will continue to be a part of the study. Those drugs that are found to be effective continue to be studied to have a better idea of just how effective those drugs are. Once the drugs are found to be effective they will be administered to regular patient care in hopes of helping them fight their battle against COVID-19.

Angelucci also offered advice to current students saying to utilize all of the opportunities they have to offer, "The best thing I did while at Etown was understand that I went to a small school for a reason, and that was to absorb all it had to offer."

The College has expressed their pride and gratitude towards Angelucci in her efforts of fighting this virus and trying to find a treatment, working toward a solution for those who have fallen ill all over the world. COVID-19 has proven to be a collective issue, Angelucci as well as other health professionals have aided the world's effort in ending the pandemic.

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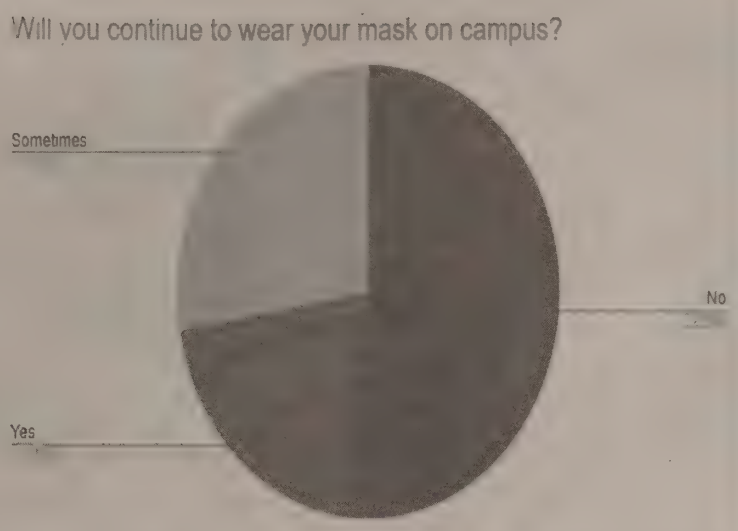
The CDC updates its COVID-19 recommendations

The COVID-19 Taskforce also stated that they will continue to test the non-vaccinated student and employee population at a 25 percent rate, and continue to have procedures to respond with support and facilitate testing as needed.

As of the weekend of March 5 and 6, two students reported testing positive before returning to campus. These students completed their isolation at home without coming to campus. As of Friday, March 11, the College has not been made aware of any other students who tested positive since returning from Spring Break. March 14, Campus News sent out a COVID-19 Campus Update, reporting zero cases for students or employees, and zero persons in isolation, on or off campus.

The College makes note that wearing a mask is a personal choice, and fully supports any student, employee or guest to wear or not wear a mask. The College also expects all members of the Etown community to be respectful of others' choices and encourage civility and understanding around the matter. However, the College also understands that employees and students engaging College-related experiences off campus must follow the requirements of external facilities regarding COVID-19 policies.

While Lancaster County is currently listed as a low transmission area, should you find yourself experiencing symptoms, possible exposure to someone with COVID-19 or a positive test, please get in contact with The COVID-19 Taskforce at covidtaskforce@etown.edu to figure out the proper course of action.



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Above are the results from the 36 responses of a survey the Etownian sent out regarding the new masking policies for the campus community.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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Since Russia invaded Ukraine Thursday, Feb. 24, gas prices in the U.S. and around the world have skyrocketed. Both the invasion and efforts from the U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to counteract it have deeply affected global financial markets.

Since the invasion, the average price of regular gas in the U.S. has increased by 17 percent through Wednesday, March 9, with further increases highly likely. But why exactly are prices increasing so much? The answer: Russia is a major exporter of crude oil on which gasoline prices are based. Subsequent Western economic sanctions placed on Russia have caused price increases, and the U.S. and Britain's announcement on Tuesday, March 8 that they would ban Russian energy imports ensured that global prices won't decrease in the near future.

But how high will prices get? Chief U.S. economist for Capital Economics Paul Ashworth predicts that the average price of retail gas in the U.S. will be $4.50 per gallon by next month. Current prices have already surpassed the previous records set in the summer of 2008 at the beginning of the Great Recession.

Gasoline prices are not the only necessity experiencing sharply rising prices. Last year, Russia and Ukraine represented over 30 percent of the global wheat trade, and wheat prices have risen by 27 percent since the invasion. The two countries also represent just under 30 percent of global barley exports and around 80 percent of the global supply of sunflower oil. Ukraine alone provided around 15 percent of corn exports. All of these commodities have experienced similar price increases due to shipping obstructions and sanctions.

Not only will the food price increases strain working class families, they could be a disaster for global food security, potentially causing severe malnutrition and even starvation.

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine had terrible timing when considering the global food supply. Prices were already rising this year due to droughts in North and South America and typhoons in Malaysia that decreased crops for soybeans, corn and palm oil.

Currently, a large portion of Ukraine's exports are still in the country due to closed ports, but major tests will take place next month and this summer. Corn, barley and sunflower oil are typically planted in April, but these areas are experiencing major military conflict, and summer is when wheat is harvested. Even though Russia's planting and harvesting are not experiencing the same disruptions, food supplies could still be impacted due to major shipping lines no longer doing business with Russia.

The countries that will be most affected in the short-term are those most reliant on imports from Russia and Ukraine. Numerous African countries including Egypt, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Libya, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen are especially at risk of food shortages. The conflict will also exacerbate already existing global food insecurity issues.

According to chief economist at the World Food Programme Arif Husain, even without Russia and Ukraine's contributions, there is still technically enough food to feed everyone globally. The issue, therefore, lies with the price increase causing people to no longer afford food. Husain suggests that funding from governments and donors can fill the gap and keep food prices stable. However, even in peaceful times governments are not particularly generous regarding food aid, as shown by the World Food Programme struggling to meet even half of their $18 million goal from United Nations member states.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, March 10 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with a special call to order by Blake Reed, where she spoke on the important role Power of One Day plays for fundraising for the campus. The money raised is used for financial aid, scholarships and more.

The meeting then went into administrative reports, starting with Dean of Students and Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez where she discussed that a number of bias related incidents have recently occurred on campus, and emails were sent out alerting students of these incidents.

Gonzalez also discussed the recent incident in the Masters Center in which the fire alarm was pulled due to smoke in the building. She reported that there was no fire, but there was smoke and an odor present, so EMS vehicles were called.

The Center for Student Success Representative Michelle Henry sent a report that touched on the advising connections taking place March 14 to 18, in which first-year students will make the transition from their first year seminar advisor to one within their academic program.

During student comments and announcements, Class of 2024 Representative Sarah Moscoso discussed how student concerns had been brought to her about changes being made in the Marketplace food, specifically making meals that used to be vegetarian or vegan no longer follow these dietary restrictions.

Class of 2023 Representative Jocelyn Itterly added on to Moscoso's point that the options of gluten-free food within the Marketplace is extremely limited and puts those with a dietary accommodation in a difficult situation to try and get food.

Moving into executive cabinet reports, Executive President Andrew Furman reported that Executive Cabinet is working to finalize a date for the Senior Leadership Team meeting. Furman also reported that Dr. Telleen was elected to another term, serving as Faculty Assembly President.

Elections Chairperson Cece Sadek reported that the Senate Scholarships will close on Friday March 11, and that they will then be reviewed by the elections committee. The top three will be reviewed by Student Life council for the final winners.

Publicity and Marketing Chairperson Jessica Freels reported that the committee will be working to complete ideation sessions with each class senate in order to improve Senates outreach to the campus.

Moving into committee updates, Advocacy and Service Committee Chairperson Madison Holmberg reported that Day of Service will be held on April 1. There was an email sent out to all students that contained a link to sign-up for time slots to participate.

Under new business, was a presentation lead by Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci and the finance committee. The presentation focused around the allocation Senate has for club requests in which of that $27,000, $26,550 has been requested, but not all has been awarded.

The biggest issues the committee is facing is clubs going to conferences, and rather than asking the department for funds will be asking Senate, and while Senate is able to provide some funds, it can be difficult to do so for larger conferences.

Club sports also present a set of challenges in that they are expensive to fund, especially when just starting up based on all the equipment needed.

The committee is working to brainstorm solutions for these issues, but ultimately is hoping to go to administration in order to go over these issues.

The other topic under New Business, was led by Student Groups Chairperson Alex D'Amico in which he first proposed a Ukraine Resolution in which Student Senate would give money to an organization that is helping the citizens of Ukraine.

This idea was tabled until the logistics of where this money can come from are discussed.

D'Amico also discussed how there has clearly been a rise in gas prices and proposed the Senate works with surrounding schools to create a campaign to prompt ways for students to lower their gas usage.

It was then motioned to debate whether this would become an ad-hoc committee or if Executive Cabinet would head it.

After debate, a vote was then motioned, in which having Executive Cabinet head it won.

The meeting was then motioned into an Executive Session in order to hold an election of Parliamentarian.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.

Etown celebrates International Women's Day

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This past Tuesday, March 8, people around the globe celebrated International Women's Day (IWD). This global holiday is meant to celebrate women's social, political, economic and cultural achievements. After years of marches, protests, rallies and campaigns, it was honored fully for the first time on March 19, 1911, though in 1913 the date changed to March 8 and has been there ever since. In 1996, the UN began the tradition of giving each IWD a theme, starting with "Celebrating the past, Planning for the Future", "Women at the Peace table" (1997), "Women and Human Rights" (1998), "World Free of Violence Against Women" (1999) and so on. The current year's theme takes the form of a social media tag: #BreakTheBias. The theme's hashtag is meant to bring awareness to gender bias, stereotypes and discrimination, and to give hope for a world that could be more accepting, equal and diverse.

Thanks to the Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE), Elizabethtown College was able to hold many interactive and exciting events to celebrate IWD this year. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., students could gather in the BSC Concourse and take pictures with women leaders at Etown while taking a pledge to #BreakTheBias. Throughout the campus, students could view posters for the holiday, particularly in the Bowers Center Lower Lounge, where photos and quotes from notable women in history were plastered on the walls.

For most of the day, students and staff were able to walk around to various stations of activities. One table had people writing cards and mailing them to the women in their lives who had inspired them in some way. Another had volunteers handing out free girl power and inspirational stickers for anyone who passed by. Perhaps the most notable station was the inspirational give and take board on the first floor of the BSC. People were able to take a card with an inspirational quote on it to encourage themselves throughout the day, then they were able to give back by writing their own advice and posting it to the board.

The events continued into the evening hours as well. The staff for the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being organized a women's power hour event from 7 to 9 p.m. Around the same time in the fitness room, a Women's Empowerment Spin Circuit class was held.

"All of the different stations were fun to do, and I think it's really nice that we get to see so many people celebrating the day. I think my favorite part was the inspirational board. It felt nice to see all the encouragement," a sophomore student said.

Photo courtesy of Sophie Hanenfeld
Students and faculty signed pledges to #BreakTheBias.

The appreciation for IWD was very evident on the Etown campus. Seeing how everyone came together to honor how far women have come and to reinforce how much further we can go—it made for a great day of celebration. The contributions of women have been overlooked and drowned out for a very long time, and we are grateful for the awareness that this holiday brings. However, just because the day itself has ended does not mean that people need to stop showing their appreciation. The #BreakTheBias would not take root if people only thought about it for a day.

You can give cards to the women in your life no matter what day it is. You can organize a celebratory, women-power gym day with your friends whenever you wish. Perhaps most importantly: thousands of resources, both online and physical, exist if you want to educate yourself or others about the rich history of women. Women have come a long way, but still have further to go, and we hope that eventually we can create a better world and break the bias.

Scott LaMar and Joyce Davis speak in Gibble Auditorium

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The Elizabethtown College Gibble Auditorium was filled with intrigued faces Wednesday, March 9 as Scott LaMar and Joyce Davis came in to speak. Those in attendance looked forward to the captivating discussion that LaMar and Davis had in store.

LaMar, who is well known for his long-running show "Smart Talk," and Davis, the President of the World Affairs Council of Harrisburg who worked alongside LaMar for a while, discussed their experiences with the news and media over the years and how "Smart Talk" began. They also opened a discussion on how the media has changed today.

LaMar's journey at the WITF radio station began in 1991, where he has been working for 30 years. "Katleen Pavelko came to me and said we are looking to start a weekly public affairs TV show and we want to know if you'd be interested in producing it," LaMar said when asked about how TV "Smart Talk" began. He later mentioned that radio "Smart Talk" began in 2008 where he initially worked as a producer and has now hosted the show for the past 12 years.

Davis made it a point of emphasis that a successful career takes hard work and dedication. She highlighted LaMar's long journey to success and how "Smart Talk" came to be. "Look at all the blood, sweat and tears that goes into a career," she said. "It starts with the smaller jobs, the learning about the profession, the mistakes."

When it comes to the news today, both LaMar and Davis believe social media has greatly impacted the way it is viewed. "When it comes to journalism, it has allowed all those voices who don't have the training, don't have the experience, have their own biases, to have a voice," LaMar said. They agreed that social media has opened a wider range of choices for news sources, further pushing biases in the world. LaMar summarized his point by saying, "Social media has been a huge game-changer."

LaMar and Davis kept the audience's attention throughout, garnering a ton of applause by the end of the night. One member of the audience, Jack Howell, thoroughly enjoyed the event. "I enjoyed it. I am walking away smarter," Howell said. "His look back on how the news used to be and how it has changed, particularly as it relates to social media was one of my favorite parts," he later added. You can catch Scott LaMar on "Smart Talk" on weekday mornings from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Photo courtesy of Connor Burke
LaMar and Davis discussed the show "Smart Talk" and how news has developed over time.

Director of the Etown Bowers Writers House Jesse Waters was an integral part of putting together this event. "My main job is to find individuals and personalities that I think our campus communities can benefit from," Waters said in an interview. "Mr. LaMar, having worked at WITF and NPR for going on 30 years and having hosted 'Smart Talk' for 12 of those years, seemed like a perfect person."

When asked about how he was able to get LaMar to come onto campus, he answered by saying, "I just asked. All you really have to do is to have the confidence to reach out to folks." He made it clear that doing your research about the person and having a good reason for asking them to come onto campus will be greatly appreciated by that individual.

The Bowers Writers House is already looking forward to more people visiting the campus. Some of the names that Waters mentioned are writer T.C. Boyle, who will be visiting on April 8, President of Carnival Cruise Line Christine Duffy, who will be coming in mid-September, and novelist Jason Mott will be on campus from Oct. 13 to 20. "We cover a lot of ground, and we'll continue to do so," Waters concluded.

Etown student helps others learn successful cooking tips

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Elizabethtown College senior Rachel Skwirutis uses her love and passion for cooking to teach other students some helpful tips that will bring them success in their future cooking endeavors. On Tuesday, March 8, Skwirut, along with her fellow Class of 2022 Senate, sponsored the very first "Cooking 101: Learning the Basics." As graduation is quickly approaching in May, the 2022 Senators took the time to brainstorm ideas for fun ways to engage the student body.

"We came up with the initial idea of how to do your taxes and cook, but it turns out I don't know how to do taxes, so I just took on the cooking part," Skwirut said.

Skwirut remembers back to what sparked her interest in cooking. Growing up, a lot of her life and family gatherings had been centered around food. To Skwirut, cooking is a way she can show appreciation for others.

On the other hand, cooking can also be a way to show appreciation for yourself, as "it can be very therapeutic if you know how to do it because you're feeding your body. Feeding your body is important," Skwirut said.

Skwirut's desire to bring comfort and joy to others, along with her class senate's support, is what drove her to follow through with hosting the cooking classes. This past week's class revolved around vegetables—how to cut, cook and season them. "I really couldn't be happier with how the first class went. I thought it went very well! I was happy that so many people were interested in it," Skwirut said.

As someone who attended the class myself, I was very impressed with how organized and informative the entire event was. Skwirut expressed: "I would like [it] if this was an actual class on campus. If there was some way to have a life skills class, I think that would be really important for students to have here."

Looking ahead, Skwirut says she plans to host more events in her cooking series in the coming weeks. This next week, Skwirut will be doing a lesson about different types of rice and grains, as well as how to properly cook and season rice. Some other lesson plan ideas she is thinking about include: how to cook and marinate chicken/meat substitutes and learning about sauces and soups.

Photo courtesy of Sophie Hanenfeld

The Cooking 101 class, held in the Demo Kitchen, offered students an opportunity to learn the cooking basics.

"If you would like to sign up for other classes, the link is in the Class of 2022 Instagram bio. Tell your friends, bring your friends. It is a very beginner level, no cooking skills needed—actually no cooking skills preferred," Skwirut said.

CGUP hosts Docu-Series about international and domestic issues

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From Feb. 17 to March 7, the Elizabethtown College Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking (CGUP) sponsored and led a series of screenings of documentaries related to themes of imperialism, globalization and socioeconomic injustice. These screenings, referred to by CGUP as a "Docu-Series," are part of the Center's ongoing Forum on White Supremacy and Global Colonization.

For Spring 2022, it has been the goal of CGUP and its affiliated personnel to facilitate the discussion of themes related to colonization, racism and social bigotry.

According to associate professor of education and Interim Director of CGUP Dr. Shannon Haley-Mize, the Docu-Series was designed in such a way to allow for students to gain a broader understanding of issues happening both internationally and domestically.

"The idea is really for us to talk about those global issues but really have those conversations and explore those parallels about what has happened in our own country," Haley-Mize said.

In crafting and promoting events for CGUP and the Forum, Haley-Mize works alongside a student leadership team.

According to Haley-Mize, the Docu-Series was "the brainchild of the CGUP student leadership team."

Some of these students were directly involved in the facilitation of discussions following the screenings of documentaries of their choosing.

One of these students, sophomore Misaki Yamaguchi, was involved in this capacity.

Regarding the planning stages of the Docu-Series, Yamaguchi expresses her concern regarding the fact that "There are some students who don't really know about colonization, it's not around us— it's not visually (something) you can see."

To this end, there was an understanding of a need to provide students with ways in which to understand the continued relevance of colonization.

To understand, as Yamaguchi puts it, how "the history impacts us."

From fall to spring, CGUP has transitioned the Forum from discussing issues of racial violence and prejudice on a domestic level to broadening the scope to understand these issues as international and globally intertwined.

The documentary that Yamaguchi screened and facilitated discussion on, "Roots," was a title emblematic of this transition as it discussed the colonial history of anti-Black racism in the United States.

For Yamaguchi and the CGUP leadership team, it is important to emphasize the global interconnectivity of issues of bias, oppression and discrimination.

Broadening the lens to discuss international issues does not take away from the importance of issues happening in our own country.

"The shift from domestic to international was very significant for students to actually learn about what is happening…in the current world, current society where we live," Yamaguchi said. "We learned a lot from each other and what we talked [about] was how participation is really important on campus to engage with more opportunities and experiences."

Photo courtesy of Sue Carpenter

The film "I Am Belmaya" centers around the experiences of a Nepali woman with domestic abuse, misogyny, classism and poverty.

Another member of the leadership team involved in the Docu-Series was freshman Ahsa Sadhukhan, who screened and led a dialogue on the documentary "Living on a Dollar" that explores the lived experiences of those dealing with extreme poverty in Guatemala.

"We can talk about poverty until we're blue in the face," Sadhukhan said. "But without experiencing it ourselves or seeing it…that [is what] drives the message home even further."

Regarding the events themselves, Sadhukhan emphasizes the importance of student engagement: "One thing that I've been thinking about a lot is the importance of coming to these events. You may not realize how important these things are until you actually come to it."

In addition to the initiatives taken by CGUP student leaders, faculty interest has also been crucial in the development of the Docu-Series.

It was due to associate professor of public health Dr. Robert Aronson's desire to get his students to engage with decolonized perspectives on global health that CGUP was able to secure the rights to screen "I am Belmaya."

This documentary centers the lived experiences of a Nepali woman grappling with domestic abuse, misogyny, classism and poverty.

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CGUP shows "I Am Belmaya" film

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According to Aronson, it is important that experts in global and public health offer care that is intersectional and aware of the realities of colonialism, racism, misogyny, poverty and all forms of socioeconomic marginalization that may lead to increased health risks.

"It's been basically a continuation of colonialism," Aronson said. "Colonial approaches to dealing with global health problems…it takes away from investing, from schools, from institutions that are vital to [a] country's survival."

In developing a decolonized perspective on global health issues, Aronson feels that it is most important to prioritize the perspectives and needs of those most greatly impacted. He also cautions against white saviorism, giving the advice: "Don't solve problems you don't understand for people you know nothing about."

Aronson had taken the initiative not only to secure funding from CGUP to screen the film on campus, but he also reached out to the film's director, Sue Carpenter. Both Carpenter and the film's subject, Belmaya Nepali, participated in a panel after the screening to answer questions.

In an interview with Carpenter, she expanded on ideas Aronson brought up regarding the importance of giving tools to the underprivileged that allow for them to express themselves— as opposed to attempting to speak on behalf of anyone.

"In the context of my film itself, I was very very aware that as a white, privileged Westerner coming in I didn't want to tell Belmaya's story with my voice, I wanted to tell it through her voice and give her the tools to conduct her own storytelling," Carpenter said. "Where there are vulnerable people who have less of a voice, if you can give them the tools to do things their own way…is really the way forward."

While this ethos shows up in Carpenter's work as a whole, and especially within "I am Belmaya," it was not a straight-forward process.

Carpenter explores how she worked to de-center her own perspective, in order to prioritize the telling of Belmaya's story on her own terms: "Having her narrate, so that she tells her own story from the beginning [was crucial]," Carpenter said. "When I first started conceiving it, it is very hard to get out of your own point of view— and my point of view was that I had known her for seven years, and that she was a sparky, fiery woman with a feminist spirit that had been crushed….I started with a teaser…with me narrating, and we decided that was not what we wanted to do as that kept her in the position of subject."

The Docu-Series events have underscored what Carpenter describes as: "The importance of really listening and hearing international voices from all different walks of life and really valuing those is what's important, and not trying to stamp our perspective over theirs."

"It has gone so well that we are considering doing a CGUP Docu-Series and discussion every spring," Haley-Mize said.

SWAG promotes nutrition on campus

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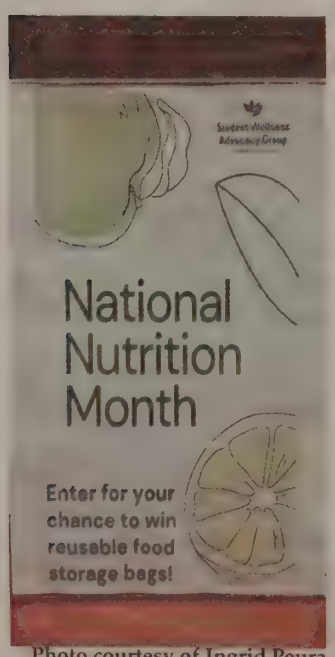
Did you know March is National Nutrition Month? On Wednesday, March 9, Gabby Stawinski of the Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) helped to promote nutrition on campus by providing many valuable recipes, resources, tips and more in the BSC concourse for students and faculty.

"There's tips on choosing healthy granola bars, the Chicken Pot Pie recipe from my last kitchen demo and a college dorm checklist," Stawinski explained. "The checklist is more for first-years [living on campus] to help them know what [kitchen supplies] to have in their dorm."



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March is National Nutrition Month.

One of the handouts available came from ChooseMyPlate.gov and provided 10 tips for making healthy eating choices in the dining hall. Here are some of the tips that students can remember when eating in Marketplace:

1. Know what you're eating: this tip mentioned the importance of checking the dining hall menus and nutrition information ahead of time so that you can plan healthy and balanced meals. Ingredient cards are often set out above the various hot meals served throughout the day in Marketplace, however, they can also be found on the College's website under "Dining Services," found on the "Offices" page.

2. Enjoy your food, but eat less: this tip recommends taking smaller portions and using a smaller plate to help combat overeating in "all-you-can-eat" style meals, such as our Marketplace.

3. Make half your grains whole grains: switching to whole grains when you're able to, such as at the deli counter or pasta bar.

4. Rethink your drink: instead of choosing sugary beverages such as sodas, coffee drinks, energy drinks, sweetened teas, etc., this tip recommends choosing water instead. Did you know that Americans drink about 400 calories every day? This can be decreased by switching from sugary drinks to water. A filtered water dispenser can be found next to the tray return in the Marketplace, and others can be found throughout the different buildings on campus.

5. Make it your own: don't limit yourself to the pre-prepared choices. In our Marketplace, there are a few different stations that allow students to choose their own ingredients and meal prep process. These include the salad bar, the pasta bar, the omelet station, the deli bar and the grill. And, if you're lucky, Pizza Dave over at the Hearth might just prepare a special pizza for you!

6. Make dessert special: we all know that the Marketplace offers a wide range of dessert options throughout the day. This tip recommends saving dessert as a Friday night treat or having it on special occasions. On those days when you're craving something sweet but want a healthier option, there are often chocolate chips or M-n-M's with the topping options found by the fruit and yogurt counter. My personal favorite?

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Peura
SWAG handed out helpful resources about nutrition.

Strawberry yogurt with raspberries and chocolate chips… YUM.

Even if you missed the table, there's still chances to celebrate National Nutrition Month! Starting on March 14, you can participate in the #BlueJayBites Social Media Contest. The event is fully virtual. Students can use the hashtag #BlueJayBites to show off their healthy snack creations. All participants will be entered to win a Bentgo box.

Next month, SWAG is also hosting an STI Tabling event on April 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sun Safety tabling on April 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and "Blue Jays Flock Together" on April 21 in the Bowers Center. Additionally, May 2 to 6 is "Don't Stress Before the Test" over in the Well to help students prepare for finals.

Students should also plan to attend the semester's final Res Hall Recipes session on Tuesday, April 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Demo Kitchen.

If you are unable to attend any of these events, don't fret! Feel free to check out the full event calendar, which can be found at etown.edu/bowers-center/events.aspx Enjoy your week, Jays, and stay warm!

What Blue Bean drink should you try based on your zodiac?

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Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Aquarius, you are the Toasted Vanilla Oat Milk Shaken Espresso. It is the new drink in town, and it is the life of the party, just like you. Be sure to check it out next time you stop by to get your caffeine fix.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): Pisces, you are the Vanilla Bean Frappuccino. This is the drink that many people get as their first Starbucks order, and this represents your playful nature. Some may call it an overpriced vanilla milkshake, but to your taste buds, it's heaven.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Aries, you are the Double Chocolately Chip Frappucino because of its bold in your face chocolate flavor. Like this drink, you are what you advertise, nothing more nothing less. This drink can become a new staple in your routine.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Dear Taurus, you are the Caffe Americano. Although it is the most simplest drink on the menu, it is also the most reliable. Even if the Blue Bean runs out of nearly every ingredient, as long as they have coffee and cream, they can still make your drink.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Gemini, the only drink that makes sense for you is the Caramel Macchiato. It is a double layer drink which makes sense with your symbol of the twins. Like you, the iced version of this drink is the center of attention in the summer.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Cancer, you are the Teavana Hot Brewed Earl Grey Sachet. This tea feels homey which fits with your domestic nature. Plus, the drink is one of the Blue Bean's least expensive, and this will appeal to your sense of financial motivation.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Lovely Leo, you are an Iced Coffee. You are a staple of many's daily morning routines, which is exactly the way you like it. You took the basic cup of joe and added your Leo spice with just a bit of ice.

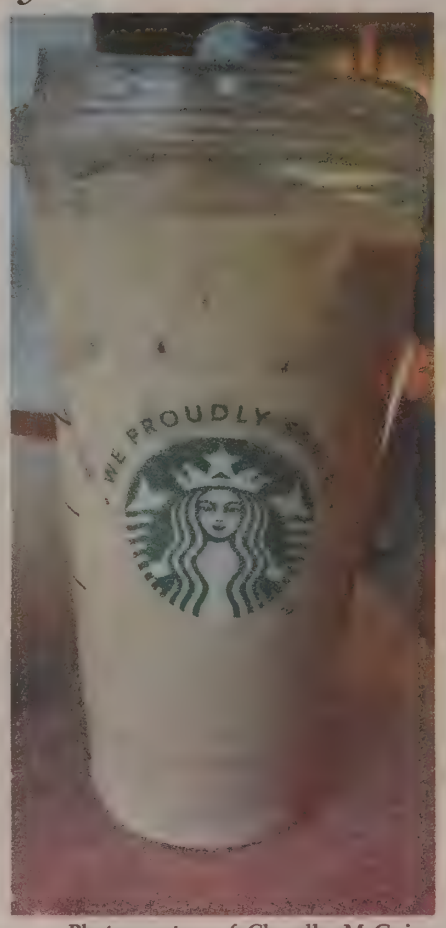
Virgo (August 23-September 22): Virgo, you are the Iced White Chocolate Mocha. You would think that this would be a sweet drink, but it is actually quite bitter. This represents your nature to hide your feelings and to present yourself as one way when you are truly the other.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Libra, you are the White Hot Chocolate. It is a classic with a twist. This is reminiscent of your ability to create peace like this soothing drink, but it also shows your creativity that often does not get the spotlight.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Dear Scorpio, your passionate personality can only mean one drink: you are the Teavana Iced Passion Tango Lemonade. Like all Scorpios, you can be a bit bitter sometimes, but you also have that sweet side with the right person.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Sagittarius, you are the Vanilla Latte because of how practical you are. This drink is straightforward to make, and you could probably make it at home. However, the espresso in it might not help your restlessness.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Capricorn, you are the Chai Latte. This is a serious, 'grown-up' drink that will appeal to your mature personality.



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Virgos, your drink makes for the perfect aesthetic Snapchat photo.

Asking Abby's Advice

Learn how to stay calm and resolve roommate disputes

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Everyone knows that life can't always go smoothly, a fact which may be good for advice column authors but perhaps not so great for others. When it comes to roommates in particular, cooperating in small, shared spaces can be difficult. For that reason, this week we're going to tackle another question sent in by an anonymous reader: "how do you deal with roommate disagreements?"

Firstly, it's important to remember that roommate disagreements are natural. Nobody can get along with others all the time, and sometimes sharing a room with another person (or more) can be a challenge. However, there are a few solutions which may help resolve disagreements peacefully. Ultimately, the goal in solving roommate issues is to maintain a friendly, positive relationship so all people involved feel respected in their personal spaces.

A good rule for arguments of any kind is to not say anything in the heat of the moment. During an argument, it can be difficult to reign in emotions, leading to sarcastic comments, yelling or hurtful statements. This only exacerbates problems between roommates. Instead, take a deep breath and stay calm. Remember to think things through, even though it may be tempting to say something carelessly. Stepping away from the situation or venting to a trusted friend are good ways to clear your head and gain a new perspective. This shows a level of maturity and understanding others can appreciate and fosters respect between peers.

While staying calm may require you to remove yourself from the situation, it also isn't helpful to ignore issues entirely. Suffering in silence only allows issues to grow, so it's always a good idea to talk through problems. These conversations should generally be discrete and calm. Avoid judgmental tones and accusing language. For example, instead of saying "you make too much of a mess," try "I feel like we should work on keeping our space organized." This makes these conversations feel like a team effort, not an accusation or a "me-against-you" situation.

As you try to solve a disagreement, it's important to remember to be flexible in finding accommodations which can help the dorm environment. Some disagreements can be solved by talking it out, but others require action. Remember to be receptive to a roommate's suggestions and be ready with your own. If it's something minor, like forgetting to turn off the lights, the solution could be as simple as being aware of that in the future. Other issues may require further teamwork, like establishing a routine for chores. Other accommodations could be small, like using a book light to read late at night instead of keeping the lights on, or bigger, like separating shared spaces (such as a mini fridge) to cut down on arguments.

If none of the above advice helps or the problem escalates to something conversation just can't help, it's time to take the issue elsewhere. Talk to your RA for help mediating conflict and finding ways to permanently resolve recurring issues. In most cases, roommate conflict can be resolved with patience, flexibility and communication, but unfortunately, more intervention may be necessary in some cases. Having these conversations may be difficult, but in the long run are worth it for a peaceful personal space!

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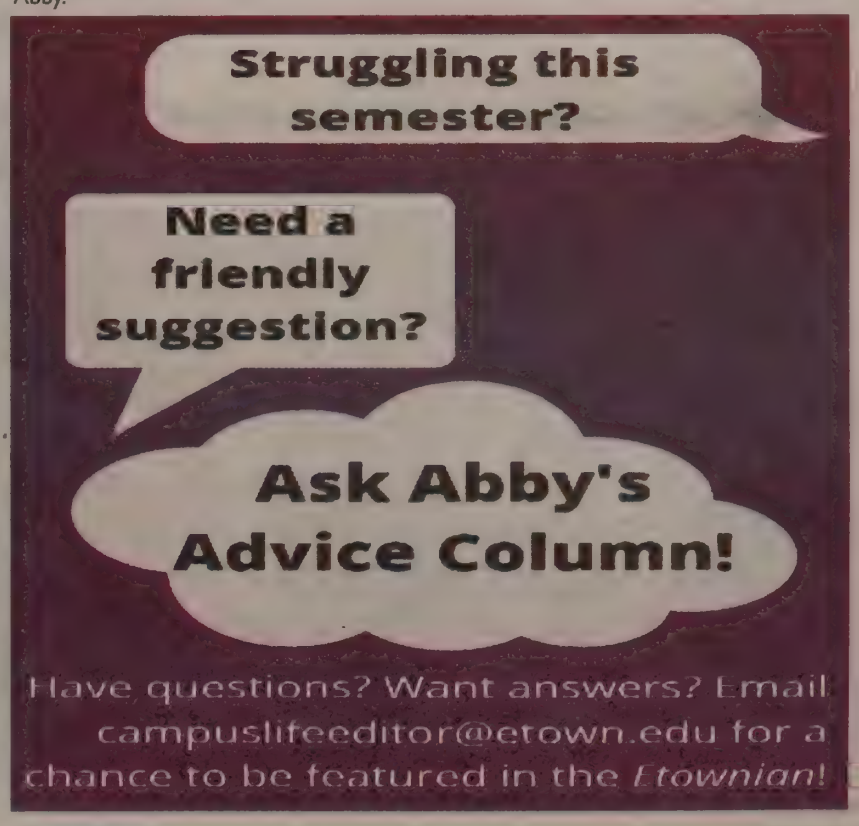
Avoid catty disagreements with your roommates by following a few simples tips from Abby.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Concert Review: girl in red

See what I thought about my first general admissions concert

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One of the things I missed doing most during the pandemic is going to concerts. I had been to four of them pre-pandemic: Twenty One Pilots, Panic! At the Disco, Taylor Swift and Fall Out Boy. They are some of my best memories. There is nothing like screaming your favorite songs in a crowd full of fans just like you. Therefore, when I saw girl in red was coming to Baltimore, Md. at Ram's Head Live for her "Make It Go Quiet" tour, I knew I had to go.

Girl in red is the stage name for Marie Ulven. I became a fan of hers approximately two years ago, back in March 2020. Like many of us, I was stuck inside, bored out of my mind and spending my days mindlessly scrolling through TikTok. One of her songs started trending, and it got stuck in my head, so I decided to look it up on Spotify. Instantly, I decided I liked her music and downloaded her entire discography.

I originally bought tickets to the show back in October, and honestly, I had no idea if the show was actually going to happen due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, tickets were only $60 through a reseller, and I was not about to let that opportunity pass. As the date moved closer and closer to March 12, I was pleasantly surprised when it was not canceled.

Since I could not go to Baltimore by myself, I decided to drag along my friend, Rome. Although he did not know girl in red's music, he was still up for the adventure of going. He put up with my insistence that we both had to wear red, and we ended up wearing matching red flannels. He honestly made a great experience 100x better.

This concert was three firsts for me: my first time visiting Baltimore, my first general admission concert and my first girl in red concert. Unfortunately, I did not get to see much of this city because of the random snowstorm we got, but from what I saw, I would like to visit again.

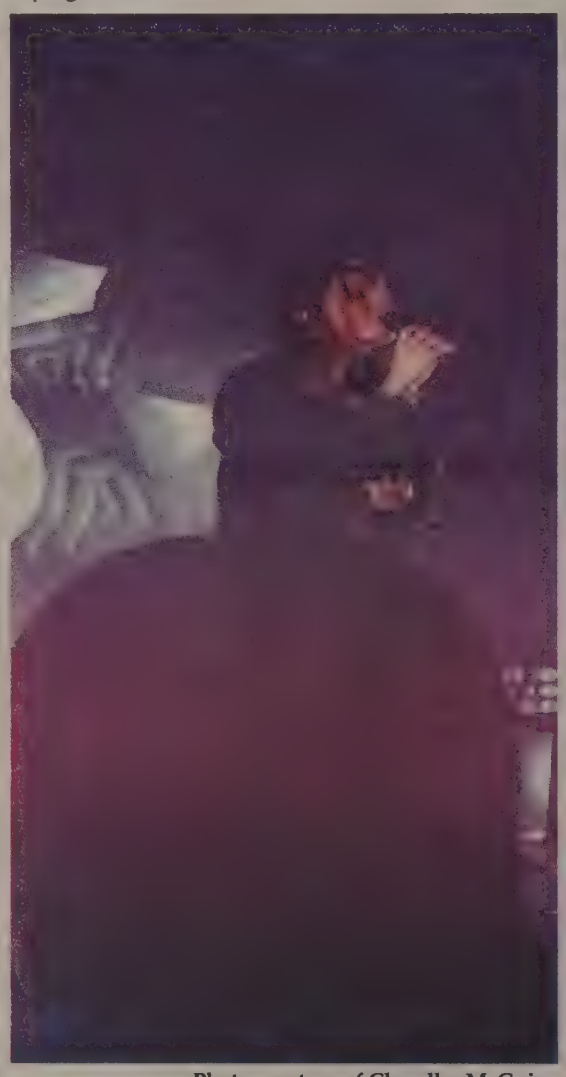
The general admissions part of the concert was the thing I was most scared of. I arrived in line three hour before the doors even opened so that I could get a good spot. Rome was not too thrilled about that part. To entertain ourselves, we took pictures, played dozens of rounds of 20 Questions, he taught me the Macarena and we made friends with people next to us in line.

Finally, around 7 p.m., the doors opened and we were allowed inside. Immediately, Rome and I rushed to the merchandise booth where we bought tour t-shirts. They only cost $35 each which shocked me because in my experience, they usually cost around $45. Still, they are quite nice quality shirts.

The opening act was Holly Humberstone, who will also be the opening act for when acclaimed singer Olivia Rodrigo goes on tour. I did not know Humberstone before she came on stage, but I was immediately a fan the second she started the singing. Her voice was fantastic, and I loved hearing her talk because of her British accent.

When girl in red finally came on, the entire crowd was electric. Her stage presence was other-wordly despite her admittance that she was having a rough day. After the first song, I had nearly lost my voice from screaming so loud, and by the end of the night, I was hoarse but so incredibly happy. Even during her stripped back song, I felt so incredibly energetic despite having been awake for so long.

Overall, I am so thrilled with my experience at the girl in red concert. For a few hours, I was distracted from school work and life in general. It was such an amazing time, and the next time she is performing close to me again, I will definitely be buying tickets.



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The concert was originally scheduled pre-pandemic, before girl in red released her first album.

Upcoming Walking Tour

Catch up on History Club's latest plans

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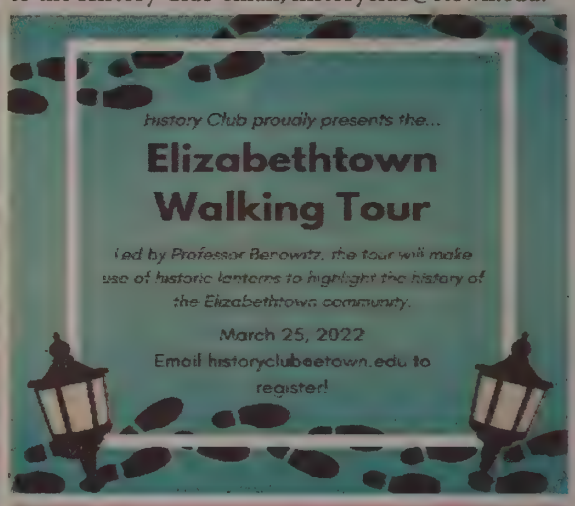
Next Friday, March 25, the Elizabethtown College History Club will be hosting a tour, guided by Director of Special Programs and Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships Jean-Paul Benowitz, of the Elizabethtown community.

The tour will take students through some of the historic highlights of Etown, and as the sun sets the path will be lit by historic lanterns. All students are welcome to attend, and anyone who comes to the event is sure to learn something new about the community. Not only is the tour an exciting opportunity for those interested in history, it's a perfect opportunity for students to appreciate the warmer weather and ambient atmosphere of sunset and a lantern-lit stroll. For those interested in more information about Elizabethtown and surrounding communities, they may also consider taking Professor Benowitz's class, Public Heritage Studies (PHS) 201, next year. The class takes a more in-depth look at local history and is repeatable for two or four credits.

With this being one of the first events History Club has hosted since its revival last semester, they hope to see many students come out for this event. In addition to the walking tour, History Club is also planning a trip to Gettysburg, Pa. in April. More information on that event will be released closer to the date of the trip. Any students planning to attend the tour should plan to meet in the Myer Residence Hall Courtyard, near the Susquehanna Room, around sunset. No sign up is required. A more definitive time is due to be released by History Club in the coming days via their Instagram account. Any questions should be directed to the History Club email, historyclub@etown.edu.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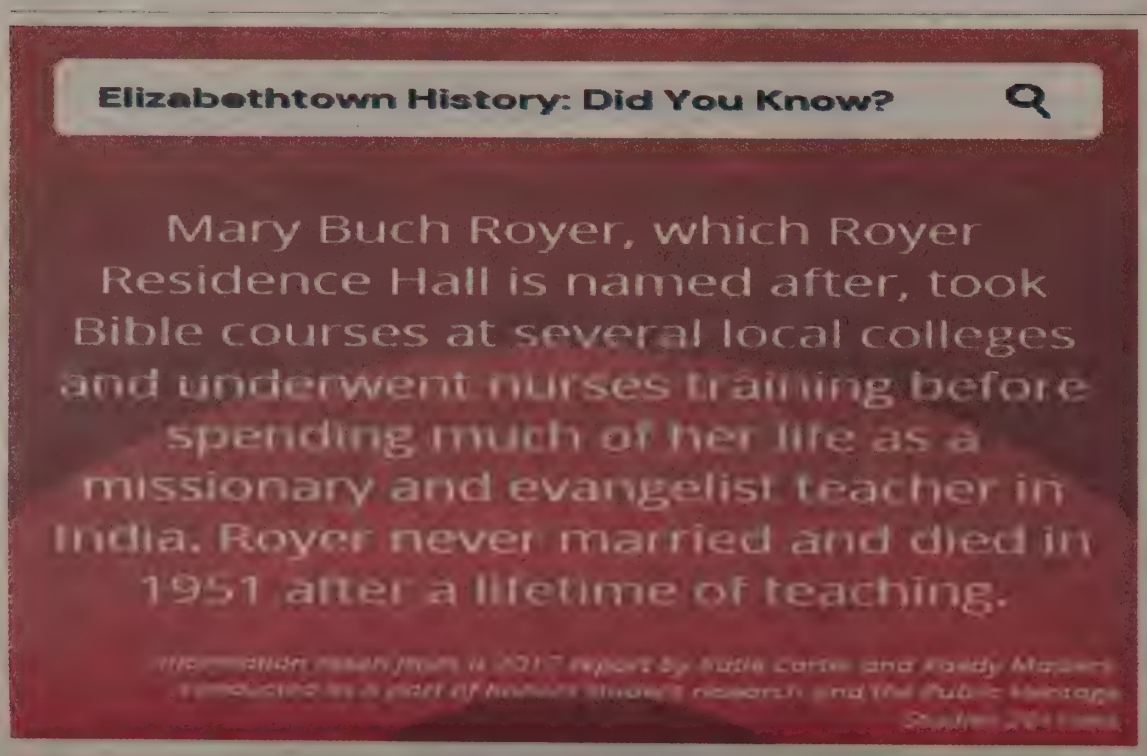
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The Students of Etown

Meet Resident Assistant, Gunner Gehr, and get to know his hobbies plus why he likes going to his hometown

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that each has value. One such example is the tale of sophomore Gunner Gehr.

Gehr is from the small town of New Holland, Pa., which is approximately 40 minutes away from Etown. He tries to get home every so often so that he can see his family which consists of his two siblings. Unlike many students who loathe going home, Gehr loves it. He spends his time in the fall seasons hunting and going to the high school's football games and in the spring seasons, hanging out with his friends.

"I'm actually planning on commuting next year," Gehr said.

First-floor Schlosser residents might recognize Gehr as one of their Resident Assistants (RAs). One of his jobs as an RA is to plan four floor events per semester. Two are take events where residents come and grab a snack or some gift that the RA has provided. The other two are make events where residents get to express their creative side.

"Last semester, we did a building event around Halloween time for door decorating contests," Gehr said. "That one was pretty fun."

Gehr is a finance major at the College, and he plans on becoming a financial advisor after he graduates. Despite only being a sophomore, Gehr is already taking steps towards his future career. This semester, he has an internship with Northwestern Mutual, a financial services company.

"If it all works out, and I'm good at it, that's probably what I'll end up doing," Gehr said.

One of Gehr's favorite classes that is not a major related class: Spanish. He has been spending a lot of his time trying to learn the language because of his interest and because of a special someone in his life.

"My fiance's family all speaks Spanish, so I'm trying to learn it," Gehr said.

Besides being an RA, Gehr has found other ways to get involved on campus, like joining the wrestling team. Right now, the team is in their off-season, so thewy are planning and building up for the next season.

"I've been wrestling since I was little," Gehr said. "My dad was a wrestler."

When Gehr is on campus, probably due to his wrestling hobby, he likes to exercise. Although he frequents the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being often for their state of the art facilities, Gehr also finds himself spending a lot of time in Thompson Gymnasium. He enjoys it there because usually it is just him, and it is peaceful.

"I spend a lot of my free time working out. It's just something I like doing," Gehr said.

When it comes to spending time in front of the screen, Gehr has a go-to television show and movie. His new favorite show is "The Walking Dead," even though he is only on season five of the hit AMC show. Gehr's favorite movie, on the other hand, is the 2000 film "Gladiator" directed by Ridley Scott.

"I watched that movie when I was young, probably too young to watch that movie," Gehr said, "and it just fascinated me."

Good luck to Gehr as he finishes out his internship and with his job as an RA!

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Gunner Gehr works hard on his Spanish homework so that one day, he can be fluent in the language.

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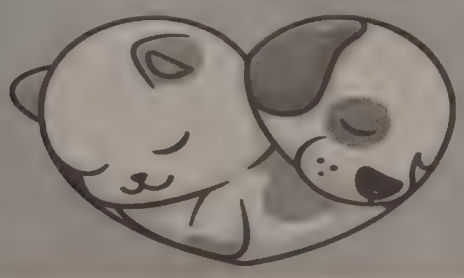

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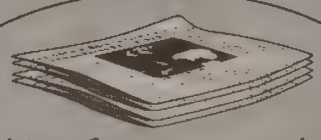

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Club Feature: Melica

Learn all about one of Etown's three acapella groups

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Building a remarkable college experience can often be hard, especially when directing so much of our time towards classes and academic affairs. At Elizabethtown College, student clubs create a massive opportunity for us students to get involved in fascinating activities that can catch our interests, and make our college experience something unforgettable.

One of the most acclaimed student clubs, and one that greatly represents Etown's talents in music and performance, is Melica, an all-female acapella group with a long-running history of success. Originally established on campus in 1995, Melica has been empowering female students through strong friendships and a shared passion for music for almost 30 years.

So, what makes Melica such a great club? Well, we had the opportunity to interview one of the latest (and hottest) additions to the group, sophomore student Brooke Seislove, who started falling in love with music while taking piano lessons at the age of six, and is currently involved in three different choir groups. Seislove found out about Melica during one of their performances at an accepted student day, and knew right away that she wanted to be a part of the group.

"They were looking for a beatboxer, and asked me if I wanted to learn how to beatbox, since I'd never done it before," said Seislove. "It sounded really hard at first, but I feel like I've learned a lot over the last few months."

Since joining Melica last October, Seislove has been able to perform at two different events: the Homecoming performance in the fall, which saw the group build their own "magic school bus" and impersonate characters from the series, all while performing in front of hundreds of people at the parade; and in a more recent event, the GNO fundraiser, which was a concert that took place at the start of the spring semester.

The group is composed of 13 performers, from first-year to senior students, and all characterized by their positive energy and passion towards music. "No matter how bad of a day you're having, [it] is really good to go down there and see a group of people that are always going to lift you up no matter what," Seislove said. "We all share our highs and our lows and bond through music. They're the nicest people in the world."

Next Friday, March 25, Melica will be performing at "One Elle of a Night, " which is the dance team's benefit and fundraising event, as well as in the "Relay For Life" event, a cancer awareness event scheduled for early April. Their spring concert is set to take place on April 10, where each senior singer will pick their own song and perform it as a soloist.

In the past, Melica has competed in multiple acapella competitions, and performed in front of many audiences throughout the state. The competitions have slowed down since the start of the pandemic, but the group is planning to return to full form very soon.

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Melica and Phalanx members represent their groups at an Accepted Students Day for prospective students to know about singing opportunities on campus.

Welcome to the Jungle

Meet Kelsey Knappenberger's one-eye cat, Kyra

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Kelsey Knappenberger is a junior information systems major at Elizabethtown College. When she moved on campus, she brought along with her a black cat named Kyra.

Kyra had been brought onto campus to act as an assistant animal to Knappenberger. The two have a strong connection due to Knappenberger nursing Kyra after having found her sick.

Kyra is a little over a year old. Knappenberger had found Kyra on Christmas Day of 2020. She said that she had found Kyra on the floor of her grandmother's barn, but Kyra had been very sick and needed help.

Due to Knappenberger's care and ability to nurse Kyra back to health, she was able to not only help her, but also form a very quick connection.

"She was very sick and needed help, so I picked her up and she instantly clung to my chest. Right away I knew we had a connection," Knappenberger said.

Knappenberger said that after she had taken Kyra in, she was able to nurse her back to health. Thanks to this, Kyra was able to make an almost full recovery. Unfortunately, Kyra's eye had been infected so it had to be surgically removed. Despite this, Kyra still is as loving a cat as any you would see. Knappenberger believes her missing eye gives her a lot of personality that you won't find in most cats.

"She is missing an eye, which gives her so much personality," Knappenberger said.

Kyra also has a habit of craving attention much more at night than during the day. She will meow a lot to get the attention she wants before running around the room and then going under the covers.

"Kyra likes also gets the zoomies and likes to run around when I'm sleeping. Usually, she then jumps on my bed, sniffs my mouth to ensure I'm alive and then go[es] under the covers for warmth and cuddles," Knappenberger said.

Ever since Knappenberger nursed Kyra back to health, she has had Kyra living on campus with her as an assistance animal. Kyra is very shy; she frequently is hiding underneath Knappenberger's bed or in a corner of the room whenever Knappenberger has someone over. She also tends to back away or run off if someone she is unfamiliar with approaches her. Kyra usually stays hidden on top of her crate during the day due to being shy when others are in the room.

Kyra can also get annoyed when Knappenberger has guests over and when she has to come out to be pet by others. However, she does get over this pretty quickly.

One of the things that Kyra will commonly do when lounging around is simply stick her tongue out. This had become something that Knappenberger has grown to love and find enjoyment in.

"One of my favorite things about Kyra is that she has a habit of sticking her tongue out at the most random moments," Knappenberger said.

Knappenberger's quick thinking in the past not only allowed her to help out a lovable animal, but it also allowed her to make an incredible friend.

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Kyra lounges around and relaxes while she waits for Kelsey Knappenberger to cuddle her.

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Elizabethtown College baseball loses to Salisbury University

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Sunday, March 13, the Elizabethtown College baseball team faced off against Salisbury University in a doubleheader in Salisbury, Md. Salisbury tamed Etown by winning both games 6-4 and 15-2.

The Blue Jays were hit hard with two obstacles: the weather and Salisbury.

Throughout the week, the weather had been fairly warm and calm. However, as Etown hit the road, the temperature in Salisbury was anything but inviting.

Coming into the doubleheader, the Blue Jays looked to knock the Sea Gulls off the national rankings by beating them twice. Junior outfielder and pitcher Ben Watson was extremely excited to take on the Sea Gulls and prove that the Blue Jays are a force to be reckoned with.

"We have nothing to lose," Watson said. "They have everything to lose, they think they are on top right now, but we know we can hang with anyone in the country."

Similarly with the abrupt weather change the Blue Jays faced, the Sea Gulls came with their own strategical changes.

Even with high confidence, the Blue Jays were not able to handle the offensive firepower of the Sea Gulls. Salisbury junior outfielder Kavi Caster led his team by going 2-5 with a double and two runs scored.

"I just wanted to start off early and give our team a lead early because that is what we have been struggling [with], getting on the board," Caster said.

The Sea Gulls did not stop there. They had a total of six runs scored. The Blue Jays showed that they had some fight in them by starting a sudden rally in the eighth inning.

Watson, junior Chris McGill and senior Tyler McGonigle each finished with a run scored.

However, it was not enough to win the game.

The Sea Gulls' defense was overshadowed by their offensive prowess. The Seagulls defense finished with a combined 12 strikeouts to hold the Blue Jays off in the first game.

Salisbury did not look back in the second game, either.

The Sea Gulls dominated the Blue Jays both offensively and defensively, allowing only two runs for the Blue Jays.

The Seagulls were explosive on offense too.

They tallied 12 runs in the first six innings of the game.

They cruised past the Blue Jays in the second game, improving to a 10-5 record.

The Blue Jays (4-8, 0-0 LC) will look to bounce back from the two disappointing losses on Sunday.

They will go on the road again to face the Spartans of York College (4-4, 0-0 MAC) who are on a three-game winning streak on Wednesday, March 16.

The opening pitch is set for 3:30 p.m.

The livestream is available for those who are not able to attend, https://ycpspartans.com/watch/?Live=100&type=Live.

Video game review: Disco Dodgeball

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This game may be a bit old, but it is still worth reviewing. "Disco Dodgeball" is a futuristic game that is based on dodgeball, and also happens to include robots.

This game is for the Nintendo Switch.

The goal of the game is to deflect and catch projectiles, which are disco ball looking dodgeballs that are thrown at you.

This is happening as you are attempting to do trick shots and throw disco dodgeballs at your opponents. This game is not based in physics, so some of the trick shots could really be funny.

In this game, you are playing as a robot with a mustache (from here on out, the robot will be referred to as Mustachio), that is propelled on a unicycle wheel.

The goal of the game is to guide Mustachio to dodgeballs, pick them up and eliminate all of your opponents before they can eliminate you. Both Mustachio and Maximus (a name for your opponent) will have power ups which are supposed to help you eliminate the other player.

Be careful, though. Seeing as this is based on dodgeball, the game does have one hit eliminations.

This game is set in a neon patterned dance club, and when you score, the DJ, which could just be an announcer disguised as a DJ, will boom into his microphone.

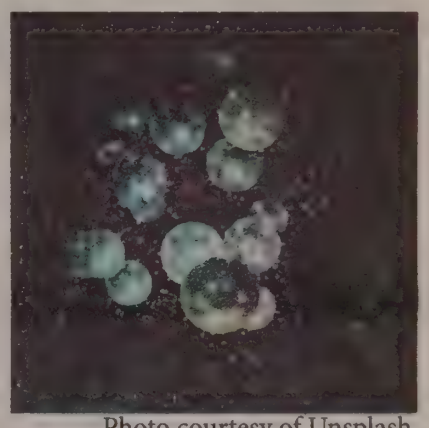
This game has two different settings: a single system and an online system.

It depends on which option you would like to play.

In the single system, it can have up to two players.

If you are playing online, it can have up to eight players.

This game is rated E 10+ by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board).



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Disco Dodgeball is set in a Retro Dance Club

The March Madness hype begins

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As we are approaching the middle of March, to some this may seem just like any other month, but for NCAA basketball fans, it is finally the long-awaited March Madness season.

Going into the 2022 March Madness tournament, there has been a lot of excitement, as the last "normal" tournament was back in 2019.

In 2020, the tournament was canceled altogether and in 2021, there were many restrictions in place for athletes, fans and coaches. This year, there are no COVID-19 restrictions set in place for the tournament and people are starting to feel a sense of normalcy in the sports world again.

The tournament began on Tuesday, March 15 at 6:40 p.m., where Texas Southern took on Texas A&M, and later at 9:10 p.m. when Wyoming and Indiana went head-to-head. The First Four concluded on Wednesday night, which is when the final 64 teams are picked. The Final Four game is scheduled for April 2 and the national championship game will be on April 4.

The excitement around March Madness is even present on the Elizabethtown College campus, as clubs and organizations are sponsoring events to get everyone involved. For example, the Class of 2024 Senate is sponsoring a March Madness Bracket Tournament. Head of the '24's Events Committee Karlie Fromm gave a highlight of what is planned for the tournament.

"At the beginning of February, we started planning for March Madness. We wanted to try to incorporate the campus community by having them donate prizes," Fromm explained. "We had the Rec Well, Dining Services, Alumni Relations, the College store and Admissions all donate prizes to help us compile baskets for first, second and third place," Fromm said.

The Class of 2024 Senate is hopeful that this event will get students involved who may not typically participate in too many campus events, as it will appeal to many different audiences. Not a big sports fan? No problem! The bracket has the capability to randomly pick teams if that is preferred. Note that it is completely free to sign up so why not sign up for the chance to win some great prizes!

Want to get involved? Follow the Class of 2024 Instagram @24etown where it will be updated frequently with important information about how to join!

"We are really excited to see how it goes this year and hopefully we can have a great turnout, but all-in-all, it's just a way to engage the campus community," Fromm said.

Photo courtesy of Unsplash
March Madness began on March13 in person with no restrictions.

The Hershey Bears look for their 3,000th win

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The Hershey Bears scored a 2-1 victory at Bridgeport last Friday, March 11. Defenseman Lucas Johansen scored the first goal for Hershey, shooting the puck into the net at only 5 minutes and 4 seconds into the game to give the Bears an early 1-0 lead. It was the first time Hershey has scored in the game's first period in a series of five games. Center Jeff Kubiak tied the game for Bridgeport at 12 minutes and 29 seconds of the period, but nine seconds later Hershey scored.

Left winger Beck Malenstyn responded to give Hershey a 2-1 lead. That would be the final score of the game in Friday's game, as goaltender Pheonix Copley stopped 27 shots for the Bears to earn the win. Hershey did not have a single power play in the game.

The Hershey Bears are also in a really interesting position right now. They are getting close to having a 3,000 total win record.

The Bears continue the 2021-22 season with a trip to Canada to play three games this week. They have won three straight games the last time they went out to Canada.

They are scheduled to play again in Toronto facing off against the Toronto Marlies on Thursday afternoon, March 17, and will visit Belleville and face off against the Belleville Senators Friday evening, March 18, before finishing with a mid-day contest at Laval against the Laval Rockets on Saturday, March 19.

Hershey enters this week with 2,998 wins in franchise history, and the Bears will look to become the first AHL team to hit 3,000 wins with a pair of victories in Canada.

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Hershey Bears are nearing their 3,000th win, having only two games left to win.

The Atlanta Falcons want to trade for Deshaun Watson

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The Atlantic Falcons and Houston Texans consider a trade of players.

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According to sources on ESPN, the Atlanta Falcons have emerged as a team in hot pursuit of Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson, as Matt Ryan's potential replacement. The reason they want Watson is that he is ranked No. 4 quarterback in the league.

The Falcons join a line of other teams, such as the Carolina Panthers, the New Orleans Saints and the Cleveland Browns as teams that have either met with Watson or are interested in trading other players for Watson.

"All options are open, but it's not going to be easy," a Falcons source said regarding a potential Watson trade.

Another source described the Falcons as having a "long shot" to land Watson.

However, the team still has not yet met with Watson.

With that being said, they still have the potential to meet with Watson in person and try to persuade him to join the Falcons.

The Falcons, up to this point in time, have been committed to veteran quarterback Matt Ryan.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank has talked about finding Ryan's successor and resetting the franchise's future. That task has been given to second-year general manager Terry Fontenot and Falcons head coach Arthur Smith.

The Falcons were said to have restructured Ryan's contract, trimming his salary cap hit this year from $48.7 million to $36.7 million.

However, there still is no official agreement and nothing has been turned in to the NFL.

If the Falcons trade Ryan after June 1, they could free up about $8.75 million worth of salary-cap space.

If Atlanta acquires Watson, they could begin to use Watson as Ryan's replacement.

Watson already has met with several other teams and is said to be impressed with the Panthers, Saints and Browns. Every team that has been in discussions with Watson also has been in simultaneous discussions with the Houston Texans. Trade compensation is not expected to hold up any potential trade, as parameters of any trade that would involve the quarterback are already in place.

The last piece of any potential trade would be Watson agreeing to waive his no-trade clause so that he could be dealt to another team and resume his NFL career.

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Etown psych students attend and presesnt at annual conference

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On March 3 through 5, 10 Elizabethtown College psychology students along with faculty members Dr. Michael Roy, Dr. Elizabeth Dalton and Dr. Robert Wickham, attended the 93rd Eastern Psychological Association (EPA) Conference in New York City, N.Y. The students spent the weekend in New York City presenting their research as well as exploring the city in their free time. The research presented at EPA Conference included a variety of topics and research points and was presented by upper level psychology or neuroscience majors at the College. This kind of opportunity for students at Etown to be able to present research at a large conference is very meaningful for the students and faculty involved. The students interviewed were all first-time presenters at the EPA Conference.

Senior Margaret Harbord explained that her group conducted research on naturalness bias, as well as how people tend to prefer other people with natural ability compared to those who worked hard for their ability. She said her favorite part of the experience was being able to connect with the other psychology students as well as being able to explore the city. The students had gone to see a Broadway show and a comedy show while they were in New York City, so the experience was not all work and no play, and the students did not have much to complain about as they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Senior Jocelyn Kosik explained how she felt as though this was an opportunity to bond with professors and students in psychology as well as gain some insight and knowledge as to how conferences work and what is expected. Kosik's research was investigating how variables that can affect adaptability relate to how higher education professors felt they adapted to online teaching. The adaptability factors she looked at were years in higher education, personality and social support and she used Etown professors as her first group of participants. Kosik has gone further with her research and is extending her research to professors at Lebanon Valley College, and those results will be presented at SCAD, which is another opportunity for Etown students to get their research out to the public.

Kosik explained that having other students there experiencing the same thing helped calm the nerves and she was able to relate to a lot of the other students presenting because they were all going through the same thing.

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Russia-Ukraine conflict: Is the end in sight?

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If you've looked in the news at any point recently, you've most likely seen information about the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Starting on Feb. 24, this invasion has gone on for weeks now, coming up on a whole month.

Russia's decision to go through with the invasion was surprising, even for the people on the front lines. Reports say that they had been selling excess gas and rations leading up to the day of the invasion because they had thought the patrols were just military exercises. That is one of the factors which led to the invasion taking a longer time than expected by the Russian leaders.

Reportedly, Putin had believed it would only take around three days to take control of Ukraine, Kyiv specifically, overtaking it before outside forces could mobilize any significant action against them. However, Ukraine did not fall in three days. As of the writing of this story, Ukraine has been holding out against the much larger country for 24 days instead.

Putin had called for the Ukrainian soldiers to lay down their arms before the full invasion began, calling for them to accept the Russian invasion with open arms. But the Ukranians did no such thing. In fact, the Russian invasion has only strengthened the patriotism of Ukraine's people, and their resistance efforts against the Russians.

Photo courtesy of Paula Groff

Last week, Etown hosts the Zoom event "Insights from Inside Ukraine" featuring alum Vladyslav Solodovnyk and moderated by political science professor Dr. Fletcher McClellan.

Forces had begun to assemble in early February, but only began to gather earnestly after Feb. 20. If reports are to be believed, then Russia specifically invaded Ukraine after the 20th to avoid aligning with the Olympics taking place in China. However, regardless of if the report is correct or not, it was a mistake for the Russians to wait. Around the time they began to invade, the snow and frost was melting in Ukraine. This saturated the soil significantly, making it muddy. For humans, muddy soil isn't much of an issue. But for extremely heavy Russian tanks? Many of these weapons have been stranded in the mud of the Ukrainian land and have had to be abandoned, where Ukrainian citizens can come along and take them.

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Fire incident occurs in the Masters Center

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On Wednesday, March 9 around 9 p.m., a fire alarm in the Elizabethtown College Masters Center for Science, Mathematics and Engineering was set off, prompting the evacuation of the few employees and students occupying the building. The Elizabethtown Borough Fire Department and other officials swiftly arrived to investigate the incident.

In a statement released by the College, it confirmed that "a light haze was found...but officials found no evidence of a fire."

Students were instructed to avoid the area until the reopening of the Masters Center the next morning.

To ensure safety and locate possible damage, Campus Facilities surveilled the building throughout the night via walk-throughs.

However, on Thursday, March 10, an employee discovered batteries within a small device utilized in science classes that had exploded in their Masters Center office. There was no fire, and the device was safely discarded, allowing for the full reopening of the building.

In the event that a similar incident occurs on campus, here are some fire safety tips:

Be aware of evacuation routes. It is important to take note of multiple escape options, as, during a fire, one may be blocked.

Locate the fire alarms. In the case of a fire, it is crucial to know where the fire alarms are in order to provide a warning.

Learn how to use a fire extinguisher. The application of this tool can prevent the spread of a deadly fire and potentially save lives.

During a fire, crawl low under smoke. Keep your head one to two feet above the ground, where the air is cleaner.

Never prop open doors when there is a fire. This fuels the flames with oxygen, causing them to rapidly spread.

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Rumors developed and spread as students attempted to discover what happened in the Masters Center. However, it was only batteries exploding in an office.

TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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Social media companies and tech giants have been limiting and even outright prohibiting their services in Russia in order to condemn the country's invasion of Ukraine. This has had major consequences for Russia's economy and its citizens.

So far, a long list of companies has suspended operations in Russia. Amazon Web Services, Amazon's cloud division, has halted new sign-ups in Russia, and Apple has stopped selling its products and has limited access to digital services such as Apple Pay. Intel, IBM and Microsoft have suspended all sales of their products and services in Russia. Netflix has suspended its streaming service, adding on to its previous refusal to air Russian state media channels. Spotify and Twitter have also made moves to restrict access to Russian state media content. Google-owned YouTube has blocked Russian state media in Ukraine and will not allow Russian state media outlets to monetize ads on the platform.

Financial companies have also been restricting access to their services in Russia. Credit card companies Mastercard, Visa and American Express have suspended all operations in the country, meaning that Russian citizens will no longer be able to make purchases or transactions in the country. Cards issued in the country will also not work outside of Russia. Wall Street banks JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs have announced plans to suspend operations in the country. PayPal is also suspending services.

Notably, Meta-owned Facebook has been absent so far from the conversation. This month, Meta announced that Facebook would block access to Russian news outlets RT and Sputnik across the European Union (EU). Russia responded by blocking access to Facebook within its borders, and officials accused the social media company of discrimination against Russian media.

While these moves will not drastically affect the companies, it has huge implications for Russian citizens' to access reliable information and freely express themselves online. A law passed earlier this month made it a federal crime to spread fake information about the conflict in Ukraine, sentencing guilty parties to up to 15 years in prison.

More recently, two of the largest global internet service providers Lumen Technologies and Cogent Communications announced that they will block Russian customers from their networks due to fears of cyberattacks from the Russian government.

All of this has created the perfect storm for Russian president Vladimir Putin to erect a digital Iron Curtain. However, there are concerns about Russia's internet surviving without the intervention and influence of Western tech services. Russia heavily relies on the outside internet and Western tech companies, and completely cutting off access could trigger major backlash from the public. Even though Russia has its own alternative tech platforms, they have been facing collateral damage from economic sanctions and the continuing conflict in Ukraine.

Russian citizens have already been figuring out ways to access the outside internet along with outside information despite the government's censorship efforts. Many have been downloading virtual private networks (VPNs), which allow users to have a more secure internet connection. VPNs allow users to hide their internet protocol (IP) address and protect their online identity and data, and the users can access servers all around the world, meaning that they can access information only available in certain countries. Usually, users utilize this capability by watching Netflix shows not available in their home country, but Russian citizens can use VPNs to access information not available in Russia.

Overall, only time will tell if Russia will completely isolate its citizens from the outside internet and censor anything not supported by the state media.

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The conflict continues one month after Russia's invasion

This means that in order to avoid getting stuck in the mud, tanks need to travel on the roads, which makes them easy targets for the many pieces of weaponry the Ukrainians have prepared and the weaponry they have been provided by Western powers who oppose the Russian invasion.

The western powers in question are the majority of the world's countries. These countries have also applied sanctions to Russian goods and services, massively devaluing the Russian ruble. The full effect of these sanctions may not come into effect immediately, but Russia's economy is already suffering, causing unrest in its citizens. Reportedly, there have been many protests across Russia against this invasion, and it has led to thousands of arrests.

Propaganda in Russia is reportedly in full swing, trying to keep support on the side of the Russians. The most significant piece of propaganda put out by the Russians is that they're attempting to free the Ukranians from a Neo Nazi, Western power-loving leadership. This is, of course, incorrect. But with media increasingly being cut off in favor of purely pro-Russian programming, older citizens in particular are likely to be tricked by the propaganda.

Negotiations between Ukraine and Russia to stop the invasion are underway, so perhaps there's an end in sight to this conflict. But even if Russia were to pull out of Ukraine and even apologize, it's unlikely that Russia will stop feeling the consequences of their invasion for years to come. Many western companies, such as McDonalds, have ceased working in Russia, and Russia threatening to take their assets that are in Russia means that these companies will not reenter Russia anytime soon. Investors will be much less interested in providing funding to any Russian companies as well. The value of the ruble is not likely to increase anytime soon either, and many Russian soldiers have died already, a good portion of them young and inexperienced.

The future of the Russia-Ukraine conflict is unclear, but we can hope that Ukraine will be able to endure Russia's invasion and keep its freedom.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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In Pennsylvania, a state that is notorious for partisan division and dysfunction, the crisis in Ukraine has provided a glimmer of hope in our deeply partisan bureaucracy. As the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues to grow into an emerging humanitarian crisis, Governor Tom Wolf and state lawmakers have joined the federal government in levying sanctions against the Russian government for their blatant violation of human rights and international law.

According to the online news source City and State Pennsylvania, beginning in late February the state began to sell off all its investments in Russian companies, and according to the Independent, Pennsylvania has also banned the sale and distribution of Russian made vodka at state-controlled liquor stores.

Both Democrats and Republicans at the state level have taken a hard stance on the aggression by the Russian government and have sent a clear signal that although on most things we may be divided, on our support for Ukraine we must stand together. Wolf issued a statement on March 7 assuring Ukrainian refugees that Pennsylvania will be "ready to support them and welcome them here in the Commonwealth" should they choose to flee Ukraine.

State government is not alone in taking action against doing business with Russia. Earlier this month, the Pennsylvania Public School Employee Retirement Board and the State Employee Retirement Board began the process of divesting state and public-school employee pension funds out of Russian assets. In addition, community organizations and groups all over the Commonwealth have joined together to support Ukrainian refugees in an effort to show the Russians a united front.

Locally, the Bethany Slavic Church in Ephrata has raised over $200,000 for Ukrainian refugees according to WHYY.org. In western Pennsylvania, the Jewish Federationof Greater Pittsburgh has secured over $900,000 in donations according to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. At Penn State University, the Ukrainian Society recently held a two-hour long rally against the war on March 3.

The state response to the war in Ukraine has not been entirely apolitical. Some Republicans in the Pennsylvania Legislative Assembly have taken issue with the fact that federal boycotts on Russian oil and natural gas will result in higher costs at the pump. Republicans argue that the Wolf and Biden Administrations are not doing enough to mitigate the effects of higher gas prices. They insist that Pennsylvania is sitting on a large quantity of natural gas and insist that Pennsylvania should ramp up production of this untapped energy potential to meet domestic demands and create more employment opportunities for workers within the Commonwealth.

The Wolf Administration has countered by claiming that these lawmakers are only interested in helping the natural gas industry profit from increased production while failing to consider the negative impacts that this kind of expansion in gas production would have on climate change and the local environment. Up until this point, neither side has budged in the debate over increasing natural gas production. Meanwhile, Pennsylvanians have watched gas prices continue to climb as the war rages on abroad while Pennsylvanians from every walk of life do their part to help bring relief to the suffering nation of Ukraine.

CONFERENCE PAGE 1

Students present research at conference in NYC

She felt comfortable in presenting her findings and was excited for the conference to be in New York City.

Students in psychology and neuroscience are highly encouraged to attend a conference similar to this one as it serves as a good academic and personal experience in which one can grow and learn. Kosik explained that she benefited from EPA and that "other people would benefit from it as well." This conference can be a stepping stone onto new research ideas in the field of psychology as while at the conference, students have the ability to walk around and visit and ask questions about another presenter's research. This can then help stir up ideas for new research questions as well as offer insight on their own research as others can come up and ask questions about their research.

The EPA Conference allows students the opportunity to learn from their professors in a rich environment where they can get feedback in a real-world situation. This will help students be able to grow and learn in a more hands on way and it is encouraged to students. A conference such as this one is also helpful as it can guide a student's future research and give new ideas.

Photo courtesy of Jocelyn Kosik

Students are encouraged to attend conferences and professional events to gain valuable experience outside the classroom.

Photo courtesy of Maggie Harbord

10 students along with three professors in the department had the opportunity to attend the EPA Conference.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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China has stuck with its "COVID zero" policies throughout the pandemic, but a new highly transmissible variant is putting those policies to test. As most countries enter an endemic phase of the pandemic, which means that they are learning to live with COVID, China has begun imposing restrictions on factories throughout the country. In an already struggling economy, China's disruptions that will lead to halting the production of Toyota cars and Apple iPhones will cause more problems for the supply chain. Theaters, cinemas and dozens of restaurants have been shut down in Shanghai as the northeastern region of Jilin banned its 24 million residents from leaving the province or traveling between cities.

Although this might seem as taking unnecessary precautions late in a pandemic for many people, China is actually facing its largest surge of COVID cases since the virus first emerged more than two years ago. Frightening outbreaks in two-thirds of the country's provinces are putting into question the effectiveness of China's sustained zero-tolerance policy towards COVID. This is particularly worrying because the vaccination rate among China's older adults is comparatively low. Also, the country has far fewer intensive care hospital beds relative to its population than most industrialized countries, which means that a surge of hospitalizations due to COVID infections will cause an already fragile hospital system to collapse. Experts predict that a major outbreak would quickly overwhelm hospitals, especially in China's vast rural areas.

With that being said, it is not completely fair to say that China's policies have completely failed. The United States and other Western countries have seen much higher rates of infection and death since the pandemic started, and those countries still have higher rates currently. However, the seven-day average rate of new infections in China has more than quintupled in recent days, with the latest estimates putting it at 1,584 new cases.

For a country that had managed to have fairly low COVID cases in the last two years, this rise is particularly frightening. "Because of the large number of cases in a short period of time, it is inevitable that there will be some panic all over the country, and Shanghai is no exception," leading infectious disease expert in China Dr. Zhang Wenhong said in a post shared on his social media account.

China was able to respond swiftly to the current surge in cases by deploying workers and resources to affected areas. For example, in Jilin Province, which is experiencing a huge surge, workers are building temporary facilities to house and quarantine thousands of people who may test positive for COVID. Across the country, thousands of workers are testing millions of citizens on a daily basis to ensure quarantining and treating people that are positive before they spread the virus even further. However, the testing program is finding it hard to keep up with the new surge.

"We have noticed that there have been problems such as long lines and slow test results at many testing sites in the past two days," Deputy Director of the Shanghai Municipal Health Commission Lu Taohong said at a news conference watched anxiously by millions around China. Although the country's policy has long been swift containment by locking down neighborhoods and regions, the system that made that possible in the past is becoming less effective.

With cities going into lockdown again, a sputtering economy and a tired population, it is difficult to imagine what China is going through. How the pandemic progresses from this point on will be a valuable lesson to health experts in the future.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, March 17 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with administrative reports, starting with Dean of Students and Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez where she addressed that there have been a number of bias related incidents occurring.

Gonzalez explained that the pattern found is that most of these incidents are having to do with language. Gonzalez discussed the importance of language and explained how harmful microaggressions can be.

Director of Residences Life Jenn Azevadeo reported that the Independent Living Communities (ILU) entrance counseling sessions are on March 22 and 28 from 5 to 7 p.m., and that it is required for students to attend one of these sessions in order to be eligible to live in the ILUs.

Moving into student comments/announcements, Executive Secretary Jalen Belgrave announced that the NAACP and RecWell will be holding its second financial literacy workshop on March 24, and the session will focus around scholarships and the FAFSA. The final session will be April 4 at 1 p.m. in the Bowers Center classroom and will focus around insurance and investing.

Class of 2023 Representative Gavin McCabe announced that the history club will be having a lantern-lit walking tour of Elizabethtown led by Professor Benowitz on March 25. The tour will start from the Myer courtyard.

Moving in Executive Cabinet reports, Clubs Chairperson Alex D'Amico reported that there is an official name for the horse event, it will be called the Derby Fest. This event will be taking place on April 30 at the Elizabethtown Fairgrounds, the times are not yet finalized.

Elections Chairperson Cece Sadek announced that the scholarships have officially closed, and the top candidates for each one have been sent to the Student Council committee, in which they will pick the final winners. Winners will receive an email at the end of March and also will be announced at the awards ceremony in April.

Moving into committee updates, Business Communications Chairperson Jared Beachy announced that the Jay Pass survey will close on March 21, and the committee will then take the results of the survey and create steps on how to move forward.

Advocacy and Service Committee Chairperson Madison Holmberg announced that there are still time slots available for students and faculty to sign up to help out at Day of Service on April 1.

Moving into class updates, Class of 2025 President Isaac Kraenbring announced that the class is working to get a speaker series setup that would focus around their advocacy project of solidarity.

Class of 2024 President Madison Holmberg announced some senators will be meeting soon with VP Bob Kerin to discuss a concrete project idea that will fit with the class's advocacy project of suitability.

Class of 2023 President Brooke Charria announced that the class is continuing to work to sell tickets for Junior Senior.

Class of 2022 President Nicole Greiner announced that the class is continuing to work to finalize plans for senior events. The class will also be tabling on the Power of One Day to work to continue to raise money for their senior gift.

Moving into new business, Publicity and Marketing Chairperson Jess Freels revealed what this year's free Senate t-shirt will look like. Feels also revealed the piece of Senate merch that Senators are able to purchase, with this year's being plaid pajama pants.

During new business, Belgrave and the legislation committee presented proposed amendments to the constitution. These amendments mostly focused around formality, such as changing names of faculty positions that no longer exist at Etown.

It was motioned to vote on all amendments at once, rather than individually, in which the motion passed.

The amendments were then voted on, in which the vote passed.

The meeting was then motioned to be moved into an executive session, in which the vote passed.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.

Senior Erin Vago directs "Still Life with Iris"

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Steven Deitz' "Still Life with Iris" is a story about a little girl on a journey to find herself, her family and her friends, then returning home to the island of Nocturno.

Iris, played by senior Maeve Heine, is a 10-year-old girl living with her mother and friends on Nocturno, an island which makes all of the world's daytime elements during the night. In Nocturno, the audience meets some of the most important workers on the island: Iris' best friends Hazel and Elmer, who are young workers in training, the Memory Mender played by community guest actress Amy Shea, the Flower Painter played by community guest actor Griffin Yeyna, the Leaf Monitor played by first-year Julia Yudichak and the two Thunder Bottlers played by first-year Hannah Steenkamer and sophomore Nicole Rodak. These characters are responsible for making the weather and various parts of the nature that we see down here on earth during the day. At the start of the show, the characters are working hard preparing for a big storm order that came in.

As everyone on the island works to prepare the storm, Iris finds herself once again yearning for her father, the island's former Day Breaker who mysteriously disappeared years earlier while searching for the moon. A strange gentleman from another island, played by freshman Aaron Oliver, comes to Nocturno to meet Iris and take her to the Island of the Great Goods. The Island of the Great Goods is across the water from Nocturno; however, the water is said to be too deep for anyone to cross. The man Iris meets at the beginning of the show claims to be from this island and has come to bring Iris to Gretta Good, played by senior Olivia Latsha, and Grotto Good, played by sophomore Judas Foster, the Queen and King of the Island of the Great Goods, who have selected Iris to be their "perfect daughter." Upon leaving Nocturno with the man, Iris loses all of her memories from her past life, stuck with only a button from her old coat as a reminder of who she once was.

Despite being known for having the most perfect version of everything, The Island of the Great Goods is not a happy home for Iris. Instead of living "happily ever after" with her new mother and father, Iris is miserable. Not only is she lonely, but she cannot remember the life she once led. Hazel, Elmer, her mother and the rest of Nocturno have been almost entirely wiped from her memory. The only recollection she has is the memory of a white table setting with three chairs and a purple Iris set in a vase. Determined to uncover the meaning of this image, Iris sets off on a journey to find herself and return home, saving some new friends that she meets along the way.

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College's Instagram

Senior Maeve Heine (orange shirt) plays Iris, a 10-year-old girl that lives with her mother and friends on the island of Nocturno.

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Peura

The production of "Still Life with Iris" will show again on March 24 and March 25 at 7 p.m. and March 26 at 2 pm.

Photo courtesy of Ingrid Peura

The only recollection that Iris has is of a white table with three chairs and a purple iris in a vase on the table.

Costume designer and head dresser junior Emma Mesko, explained that "This play is like a mash-up of Pixie Hollow and Neverland, with a little bit of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' vibes thrown into the mix. I'm so proud of all the hard work the cast and crew has put into this production."

From the fairytale-esque storyline to the beautiful and intricate costumes— many of which were handmade by Mesko— this show has something for its actors and audience members alike. "Being a part of Iris has been one of the highlights of my college experience so far," Yudichak said. "Being able to be even a small part in this story has been so amazing!"

And it certainly is amazing. "This play was one of the funniest things I have seen in a while," first-year Nicholas Wiley shared. Wiley himself was featured in last semester's musical, "Little Shop of Horrors," as the sadistic dentist. "The story itself was unexpected, and the delivery was absolutely spot-on."

If you have not yet had a chance to see this unique and hysterical production, you have three more chances Thursday, March 24 and Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. or Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in the BSC Tempest Theater. Tickets can be purchased online using the QR code found on the poster in the BSC or at the door prior to the show. See you all in Nocturno!

Class project focuses on diversity in children's books

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This March, Elizabethtown College's High Library had a "Celebrating Diversity and Belonging in Children's Books" exhibit from Dr. Katherine Hughes's COM 130 Visual Communications class. This exhibit has been held in the library since early March and ends on March 24. Each COM 130 student has made a project using and applying their photoshop skills, which they learned from Hughes's class. The goal was to have projects depicting children's books that the students have read when they were younger or books that they know that show diversity and belonging. This is one of the many exhibits that are held in the library involving student work and student involvement.

Hughes is a communications professor here at Etown, and has worked here since 2014. Some other courses she teaches include Digital Photography and Photojournalism. This course is actually a required course for all communication majors, along with those who major in marketing and graphic design. "Our hope is that in that course, students are exposed to basic layout, design principles, color theory and introduction to typography," Hughes said. "All of these different skill sets will be useful across their careers."

Hughes was inspired by another event during March, and wanted her students to create something similar, since they would both be held in the library. Because her students just recently learned certain Photoshop skills, she believes that this was perfect timing for them to display their new skills for a broader audience, beyond the classroom.

Graphic design and digital media productions major junior Erin Moore had her work on the display.

Moore's piece was based on the children's book and TV show "Arthur." Moore used what she learned from class to incorporate many pictures from "Arthur" that involved diversity such as examples displaying different religions, abilities and relationships. When asked what the best part of the project was, Moore said, "The design process was kind of fun once I got the hang of Photoshop. I'm getting a little bit better with it each day. But the finished product is probably the most rewarding aspect."

Photo courtesy of Katherine Hughes

Junior Erin Moore displays her artword in Elizabethtown College's High Library "Celebrating Diversity and Belonging in Children's Books" exhibit.

Photo courtesy of Layla Murphy

Elizabethtown College's High Library partners with students in COM 130 to create an exhibit that celebrates diversity in children's books.

Someone else involved with this exhibit was librarian Josh Cohen. Cohen has worked at the Etown High Library since the fall of 2015.

The COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on the High Library's typical way of doing things. "Certainly with the pandemic we weren't able to do things for a while," Cohen said. "But we have a long history of having different kinds of exhibits with both student work and also brought in exhibits that are from outside organizations as well."

Something that recently was at the library involving the College community was a club poster expo on diversity and identity, which included work from the following College clubs: Hillel, Asian Cultural Student Association, Catholic Campus Ministry, Spanish Club, International Business and the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA). An example that was one of the library's largest audiences was from 2016, where the library had a Shakespeare "First Folio" exhibit, which was displayed for all of Pennsylvania.

While the "Diversity and Belonging in Children's Books" exhibit is ending, the new exhibit, which Hughes was inspired by, started on March 21. This exhibit involves education classes, along with the GSA club and senior Lauren Robitaille. Each group is contributing more diverse titles to the collection of books in theCollege's library. This event, called "Mirrors and Windows: Diverse Picture Books and Young Adult Novels," will be on display in the High Library until April 5.

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~Erin Moore

FBE club hosts Power Lunch

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On March 16, the Elizabethtown College Family Business and Entrepreneurship (FBE) club hosted a Power Lunch for JJ Rettura. Attendees received the opportunity to meet Rettura, ask questions and learn about him.

President of the FBE club Keely Grim organized the event by submitting a biography from Rettura to Campus News. He also advertised it on Digital Signage with a PowerPoint slide.

"The FBE Power Lunch Series is designed to bring entrepreneurs onto campus so students can meet and interact with them to learn about their journey as entrepreneurs," Grim said.

JJ Rettura graduated from the College in 2009 with a degree in business administration and a concentration in entrepreneurship and management. He now works at Laurel Highlands Insurance Group LLC in Uniontown, Pa. It is the company Rettura's father developed. As the Vice President and Operations Manager, Rettura oversees every operational aspect of the company.

He began working at the agency after graduating. However, Rettura started by working minimum wage jobs like cleaning toilets and sealing and hand addressing envelopes.

"Not being satisfied with doing that sort of work I began to learn every facet of the business and attempt to soak it up like a sponge," Rettura said.

Rettura also worked with sales, services, marketing and technology before becoming Vice President. He oversaw everything and made sure there was no confusion. Rettura still does that today.

"Now with the VP title all it means is I have greater stake in the company and greater responsibility; I now do less sales and almost no service work. My time is consumed by marketing, technology, running the sales team and overseeing day to day operations," Rettura said.

Rettura discussed how the company operates and what it aims to be. It expands by acquiring other agencies and that helps increase organic growth. It takes time and effort to determine the right one.

"When you do find a potential business to purchase, the process is like dating someone; there are many meetings, dinners and conversations that occur to see if you are a good fit for one another. In the end it's either break up and go your separate ways or get married," Rettura said.

Rettura also discussed his experience while working with clients. He gave them rankings on how they performed. A/B clients were good and C/D/E/F clients were not. The company aims to choose A/B clients since they help support it.

"A/B clients typically have few to zero losses and moving violations, pay their bills on time, are always cooperative, require little attention and are just kind people," Rettura said.

Rettura mentioned that people should cultivate good relationships with those types of people so that they can support them. The company cares about its employees and treats them like a family. An example is not being too harsh on them on sick days.

Photo courtesy of JJ Rettura

Etown College alumni JJ Rettura speaks at Power Lunch hosted by the FBE club.

The company hosts quarterly meetings for employees to bond with each other. It uses Microsoft Teams for communication and collaboration. The company also makes sure its work environment is peaceful and organized.

Lastly, Rettura discussed his mindset after graduating. He called himself arrogant since he believed he could do anything with the education he received. He said he did not know what to do or where to start. Rettura realized that even at the age of 23, he still had lots to learn about the world.

Each day Rettura would listen to the Wall Street Journal Podcast on the radio. He also took extra courses to strengthen his knowledge in business and entrepreneurship. Even today, Rettura believes that there is always something to learn, and he stressed that to the attendees.

"Never stop learning, pay attention to the detail[s] ," Rettura said.

Bowers Center hosts events focused on nutrition

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On Friday, March 18, the Elizabethtown College Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being demo kitchen was home to multiple different flavors and foods as students celebrated Nutrition Day. The event was run by the Student Wellness Advocacy Group (SWAG) and Assistant Director of Health Promotion Joni Eisenhauer.

The demonstrations started off with healthy smoothies. There were two options for students to try, strawberry banana oat and tropical spinach. The strawberry banana oat smoothie was both sugar and dairy free and was a pleasant pink color. Even though there was no added sugar, the fruits in the smoothie gave it just the right amount of sweetness.

The tropical spinach smoothie was created to show students that greens can be part of your breakfast while still tasting good. The spinach wasn't detectable, as the orange juice and blend of tropical fruits took over.

The smoothies were created by Eisenhauer and SWAG team member Gabriella Stawinski. Stawinski said that she and Einsenhauer made the smoothies in large batches to give out to students. There were also recipe cards so that students could make the smoothies at home or in their dorm room.

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SWAG and Assistant Director of Health and Promotion Joni Eisenhauer make two charcuterie boads during the events.

Stawinski facilitated the smoothie demonstration, handing out cups to students and telling them how they could create their own. "Hopefully these events encourage people to try things and have them think about how their lives can be healthier," she said.

After the smoothie demonstration was over, the test kitchen became home to two charcuterie boards. The boards were created by Eisenhauer, who has experience making savory and sweet boards. "I get excited about food and presentation," she said. "I've been making charcuterie boards since before they were cool."

There were two boards: savory and sweet. The savory board had hummus and mustard for dips, as well as crackers, tomatoes, pita chips, cheese and salami. One item that was featured was Babybel cheese, which Eisenhauer said can be a healthy snack on its own.

The sweet board included one of Eisenhauer's favorite dips, dessert hummus, and had grapes, bananas and pretzels. The dessert hummus was chocolate flavored and tasted like brownie batter. Eisenhauer said that it's a good treat because it's not as unhealthy as other dessert alternatives. It's also usually eaten as a dip, so you can satisfy your sweet tooth a little bit at a time.

Eisenhauer presented both boards, and then told students how to create their own board and how to use a charcuterie board. She also told students etiquette points, including how to consume a charcuterie board and what type of event you could bring one to. "It doesn't have to be an $80 thing," she said.

Eisenhauer also gave examples of charcuterie boards she has made in the past, like a hot chocolate board. She also told students that you can make a charcuterie board out of produce to make it even healthier. Since the board is portion controlled, it's perfect for an appetizer at a party.

Both the smoothies and the charcuterie boards were held as drop in events, and students could swing by in between classes or after a workout. The SWAG team was planning on running nutrition trivia at night, but it was canceled due to a lack of signups.

Nutrition Day is dedicated to healthy eating, and is part of Nutrition Month, celebrated in March. Nutrition Month was first celebrated in 1973 and was established to get the general public interested in nutrition education.

Other events that have been run for nutrition month include tabling at the BSC and Blue Jay Bites. Make sure you keep an eye out for other SWAG events during Nutrition Month. Go to the Bowers Center website for a full schedule of events.

What message will help you tackle the next week with success?

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Aquarius (January 20-February 18): Any new opportunities coming your way may help on your journey of accomplishing big goals. Pay special attention to your dreams during this time as they may also point you in the right direction.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): For Pisces placements, this is a time of enjoyment and creating lasting relationships with friends. Something that you've been wishing for may also come sooner than expected. Take this time to really celebrate the small and large wins happening in your life right now.

Aries (March 21-April 19): You may be under a lot of stress at the moment, but that doesn't mean put your mental, physical and emotional health on hold. The saying "you can't pour from an empty glass" will be essential for Aries placements to remember this week.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Good news for Taurus placements. It looks like you are reaching the light at the end of a long and stressful tunnel. Make your way into the sunshine and use the experiences and obstacles you've overcome as tools for the road ahead.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): With any disagreements you may be facing with those close to you, whether personally or professionally, keep in mind your common goals. Getting to know the various communication styles of the people around you will lead the way to more empathy and effective conflict resolution.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): All of your effort and hard work in your endeavors will soon be rewarded as many of the seeds you've planted will come to fruition. Keep honing your skills to keep the ball rolling all through the spring season.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Investing in yourself by intentionally making yourself more knowledgeable about different topics or sharpening your skills will help fight some self-doubt you may have been feeling lately. By focusing on cultivating your power, confidence in yourself will also rise.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): This week, it will be important for Virgos to act with decisiveness and confidence. Really examine your expectations and don't be afraid of the journey that commitment to various endeavors may provide.

Libra (September 23-October 23): Embrace differing perspectives and points of view, especially when it comes to budding projects. It is important to stay grounded in reality, even when you are extremely passionate about something, as your level headed thinking will see the plan through.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You may be feeling isolated from parts of your life right now, but this shift in priority may mean that what is up ahead is more suited to your philosophies, values and goals. It's important to grieve what you used to know, then to move on with things that serve you in a more meaningful way.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Have you been taking care of others more than you've been taking care of yourself? It's time to change that this week. Listen to your own needs because as they say, "you can't take care of anyone else if you don't take care of yourself first."

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): It's important to go with your gut on opportunities that may arise soon. Whether it's time to take a step back or go ahead with a risky pursuit, make sure you are making decisions with a clear head and open mind.

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The charging Ram is the symbol for the zodiac sign Aries.

Asking Abby's Advice

Get tips and advice on how to plan your fall semester

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For students who will be returning to Elizabethtown College next year, the time to plan for the Fall semester is now! While browsing the course catalog and thinking about all the opportunities available is exciting, this time of year can also be stressful. As our thoughts turn towards the future, considering what classes to take, at what times to take them and how they will benefit a future career can be highly stressful. However, with a few tips and some careful planning, every student will find themselves with a solid plan for when they return to campus in the fall.

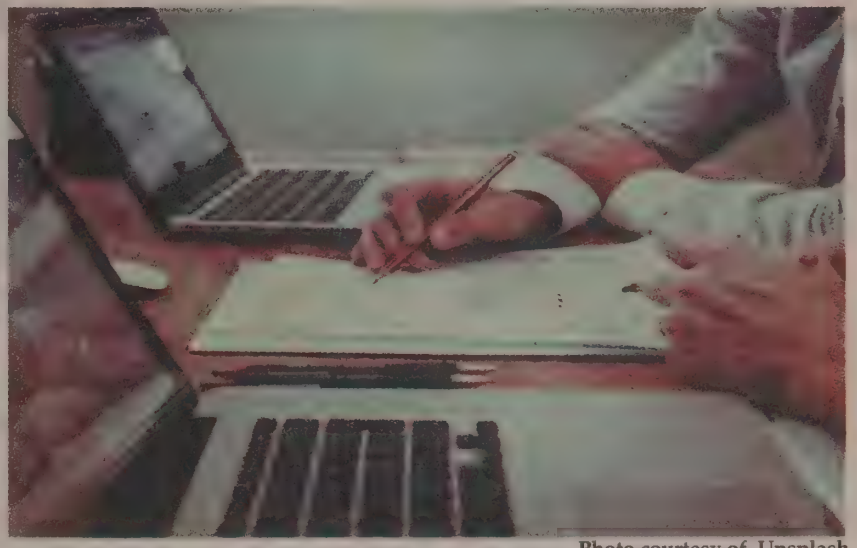
Some students may be considering changing majors, adding a minor or pursuing a certificate during the course selection period. For those who like to dabble in a little bit of everything, the pressure to choose can be extra-stressful. However, sometimes we just have to take the plunge—now more than ever is the best time to act if you've been considering a new path, even if it's with something as simple as taking a class towards a minor to see if you like it. At the same time, you want to make sure that your "plunge" is calculated: planning a preparation is key during the course selection period.

When you're considering which classes to take next semester, it's a good idea to write a "wish list" of all the classes you're interested in or know you need to take. Then, rank them. Are there any classes you're absolutely dying to take? Ones you need to graduate? Some classes count for multiple graduation requirements; for example, a class which covers both the Creative Expression and Guided Research and Writing core elements. Remember: you only have so much space in your schedule, so make the most of each class to ensure they all count towards graduation credits. Look at your degree planners ahead of time and figure out which classes you have already taken, and which requirements you still need to fulfill in order to plan your schedule strategically.

Once you've narrowed it down to the most enticing classes for your schedule, use an Excel spreadsheet or Microsoft Word document to visualize your schedule. Block out times for each class, but also any clubs or activities you know will be happening next semester. If any classes overlap, try a different class or make another schedule. Once you've made one schedule, make another one or two as backups—just in case. Keep these on hand for advising meetings and scheduling because being able to visualize your schedule can be helpful in registering for classes more quickly when the time comes.

During your advising meeting, it can be helpful to have your tentative schedules, degree planner, and any other paperwork ready to discuss with your advisor. Be ready to explain why you chose the classes you chose, and be open to suggestions. And, ask questions! There is no better time than during course selection to ask your advisor about your current schedule, summer classes, when other classes may be available and even ask about career and internship opportunities.

Although it may be stressful, it is certainly worth it to take time out of your day to carefully consider what you want next semester to look like. Double-check major and core requirements, and be sure you make each class count. Equally important is finding classes which interest you, something that can be accomplished with strategic planning. In short, remembering to make time for the future now and considering your Fall semester options carefully will be key in making the semester both successful and enjoyable. Good luck!



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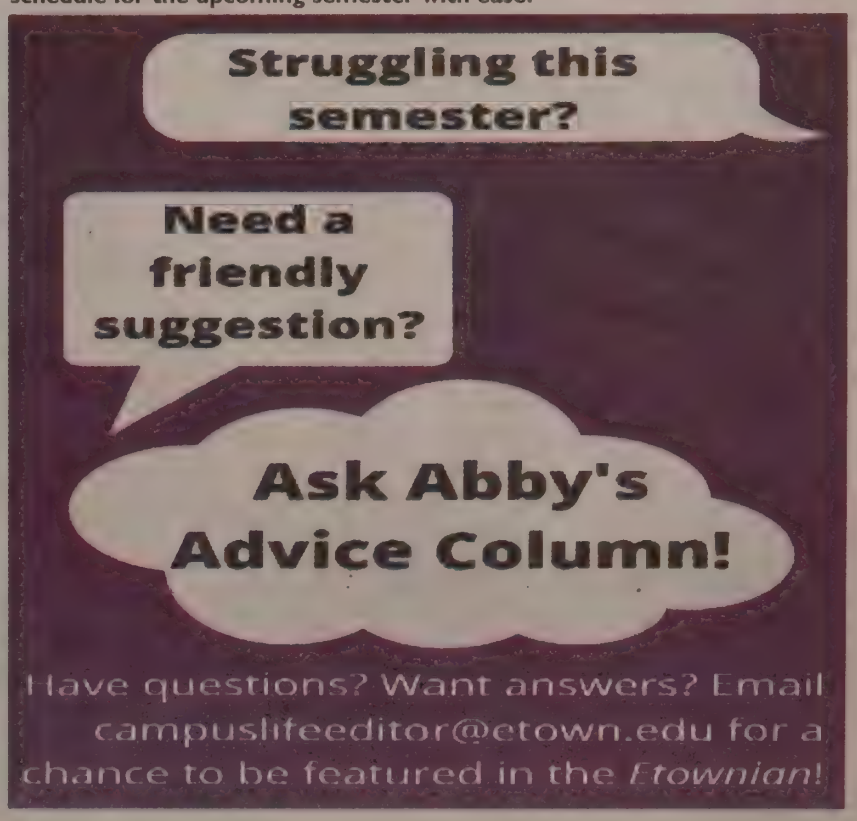
Using Excel sheets, degree planners, and lists are great ways to plan your schedule for the upcoming semester with ease.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Musical Artist Review: Surfaces

The unique sounds of Surfaces are perfect for the spring season

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With the recent bouts of warm weather over the past few weeks, I've found myself turning more and more frequently to the music from the band Surfaces. The group, which is widely known for its hit song "Sunday Best," perfectly blends multiple genres of music, making them a unique group whose music perfectly complements the feeling of springtime.

I first heard of Surfaces in 2020 when I came across a friend's Instagram post which featured the song playing in the background. It was, of course, "Sunday Best." I found myself interested in the song because its upbeat tone, lyrics and unusual (for the time) instrumentals were exactly what I needed to boost my mood at the start of the pandemic. Since then, "Sunday Best" has been a staple for all my best Spotify playlists, though I wouldn't explore much of their other music until much later.

Recently, however, I've been listening to Surfaces more and more often. Their music is the perfect soundtrack for an early spring walk, driving with the windows down or outdoor studying. The songs are all unique, but have a similar blend of sound which makes it obvious they are by the same artist. Their newest album, "Pacifico," is particularly worth checking out (in my opinion). The lyrics portray perfect warm-weather feelings, especially as many of us are starting to daydream about summertime adventures and trips to the beach. I've had the song "June" on repeat these past few weeks!

While the sound of Surfaces alone is enough to make anyone a fan, the album covers are also extremely fitting for the season. Simplistic and pretty, their album art could easily be mistaken for an aesthetic phone background or relaxing wall poster. A vinyl of any Surfaces album would be a welcome addition to any record collection. The band doesn't need flashy or wild album art, and it doesn't match their brand, either. For busy people, the smoothness of Surfaces is a welcome and relaxing, yet upbeat, change of pace.

For those of you who haven't had a chance to check out this artist, don't hesitate to give them a chance! Whether you're looking for a new favorite band, a study soundtrack or a few songs to add to your latest playlist, Surfaces' unique sound fits a number of categories. With Surfaces, you can appreciate all the good things Spring has to bring, and maybe even discover a new music genre along the way!

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Surfaces' album covers would be a welcome and aesthetically-pleasing addition to any record collection.

The Weekly Treat

Get a taste of Natalie's favorite cold snacks

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Hello everyone! I must apologize for missing our Weekly Treat. Midterms have arrived, and like many of you in the Crumb Crew, that can be a busy time. But fear not, for I have a snack entry from the hustle and bustle of my work, a Rita's Gelato!

With spring being officially ushered in, it's only fitting that we serve up an Elizabethtown College favorite for the warm seasons. I've chosen a cotton candy ice with vanilla custard on one of these past days where the weather was perfect for a walk. A good flavor combo, especially if you want to mix them together. Very cool and sweet, and the best part is this is not the only flavor combo you can get! New ice flavors are premiered every day, along with some various custard flavors as well. It may be disappointing if your favorite is not on the menu that day, but it's all the more reason to try something new each time. Of course, when it comes to ice cream, things can get sticky and messy fast. If you can, I'd recommend plenty of napkins and a lid to prevent spills.

Rita's isn't the only place where you can get a sweet treat. In the Masonic Village, there's a very nice farmer's market near the apple orchard. Their ice cream parlor is fantastic, in both its service and its ice cream. Some flavors are cycled through each day, so you might see at least one new flavor each visit. Don't worry, the Weekly Treat will provide a future entry of that fine establishment, but that's a story for another day. This will be part of a movement to start exploring the local food scene, showing off what Etown has to offer, along with a few entries for "Easy Dorm DIYs" on simple, quick and even healthy snacks for the average college student.

As for today's long awaited entry, 10/10, would definitely recommend going in town to Rita's when a nice day comes around.

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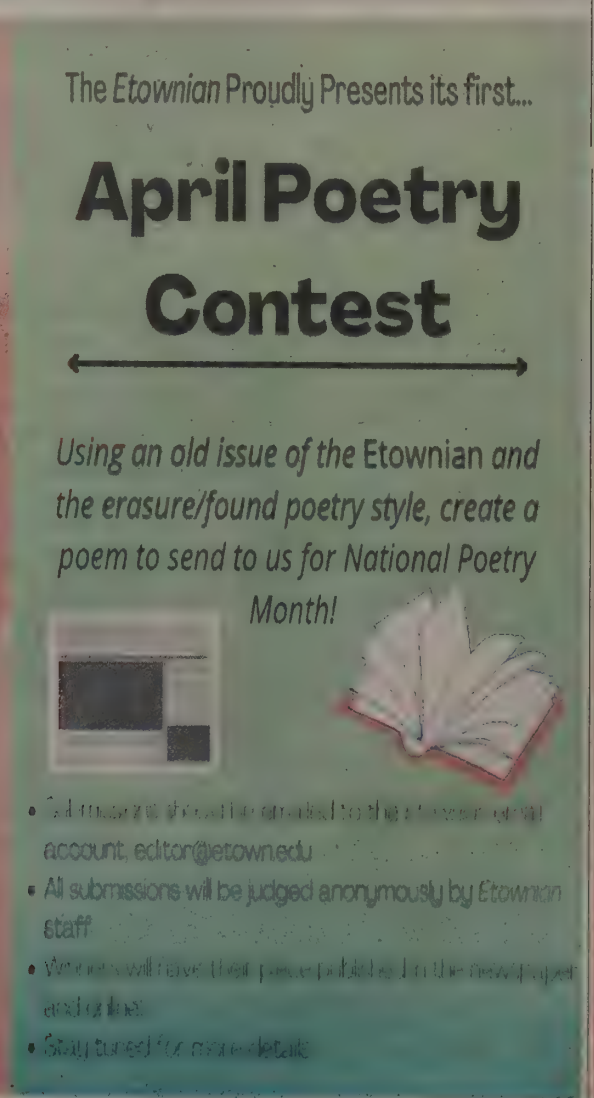
Rita's always has new flavors, so now is the time to try something new in the form of a sweet treat.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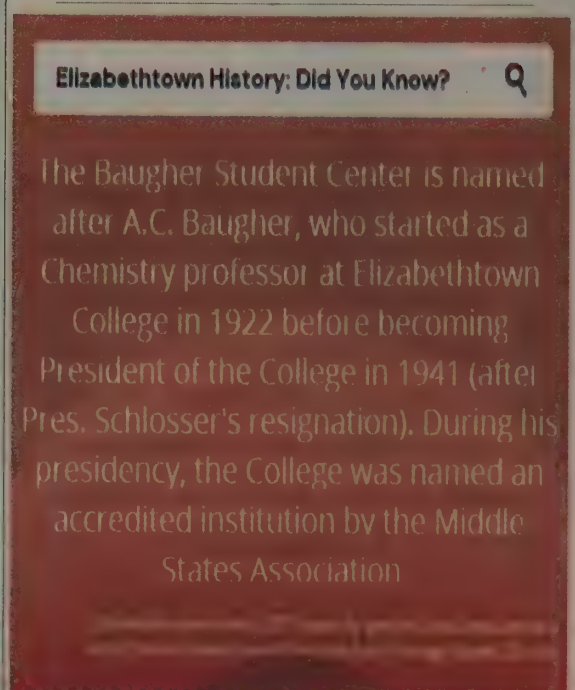
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The Baugher Student Center is named after A.C. Baugher, who started as a Chemistry professor at Elizabethtown College in 1922 before becoming President of the College in 1941 (after Pres. Schlosser's resignation). During his presidency, the College was named an accredited institution by the Middle States Association

The Students of Etown

Get to know first-year Neil Divins and hear about his hobbies: how he uses his passion for green energy at Etown

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that each has value. One such example is the tale of first-year Neil Divins.

Divins comes from Huntingdon, Pa., which is about a two hour drive from campus. When he speaks of home, it's a fond feeling even if it is not the place for him.

"It's a rural area, but it's my hometown," Divins said.

Divins is a chemistry major who hopes to pursue green energy creation. The start of this passion was built from when Divins was a child and found himself susceptible to internet scams about the world ending. While eventually he realized that they were fake, he saw one thing that actually was a real threat to the planet: climate change.

"I still remember one time I went on Facebook to chat with my sister, and I saw one thing that unironically said that Ragnarök was going to happen. I was upset for the rest of the day," Divins said.

It is possible that Divins' love for all things science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related comes from his family. His sister, a 2017 Etown graduate, was a computer science major. Both his parents also work in science, so Divins was always surrounded by science.

"My mom would always tell me stories about her time testing [the] safety of the different companies," Divins said. "She would always say they're the bad ones!"

Divins has taken several classes at Etown for his major, but his favorite is one that might be surprising. Many students will express their hatred for organic chemistry because of how notoriously difficult the content is, but Divins is not one of them. He enjoys trying to find different perspectives in order to understand the problems presented to him.

"I can't see how a single person can't enjoy the class because the teacher, Dr. McKay, is so passionate," Divins said.

Throughout Divins' two semesters at Etown, he has had time to experience different things that makes Etown such a great campus. His favorite one, however, is the ramen from the Fresh Nest in the Bowers Center for Sports, Fitness and Well-being.

"I was like oh my god they have an authentic ramen shop!" Divins said.

Despite only being in college for a small amount of time, Divins already has a good schedule set that balances his study and self-care. He dedicates some time out of his day for his favorite hobby: playing video games.

"I play R[ole] P[laying] G[ames], action adventures and sometimes, I'm down for a puzzle game," Divins said.

With his hobby, Divins has found a way to improve his writing skills while also talking about something he loves. He used a website called ggapp.io to keep track of his vast collection of video games. About a year ago, he decided he wanted to try blogging about his experiences and his reviews on certain games, so he created his blog, 'Cryophage.'

"It is just part of the hobby. I like talking about them with people, so I thought I could turn it into a lucrative business," Divins said.

As Divins is a first-year student, he resides in one of the first-year dorms, Schlosser Residence Hall. He has to have experienced many of the things that make it loveable like the flooding.

"I met a lot of my friends here, and then, I found out they all lived in Schlosser," Divins said. "Plus, honestly, all the crises to happen in Schlosser is just funny."

Good luck to Divins as he finishes out his first year of college and throughout the rest of his career!

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First-year Neil Divins poses for a photo as he reflects on his first two semesters at Elizabethtown College, with many more to come.

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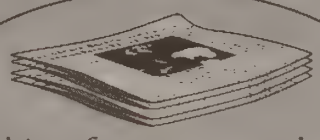

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Club Feature: Sock and Buskin

Catch up with this long-standing and unique drama club

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Who among us hasn't looked to the stage and felt inspired? The harsh spotlights, the graceful dancing, the lyrical genius that combines emotion and description, all a treat to behold, and just as soon as they appear, they are gone.

A sense of theatrics has inspired much of Gen Z, from their exposure to golden age Disney films; and the "Hamilton" craze of 2020 has gotten more interested in an art form that has been long disrespected by popular culture. Social media has hooked much of the generation on their desire to perform. Whether that be more directly, as with TikTok or more subtly with Instagram. Dionysus' influence begets us all.

Enter stage right: Sock and Buskin. Sock and Buskin are Elizabethtown College's own drama club. They are named after the ancient Greek masks of theater, more commonly known as the masks of comedy and tragedy. Here in Etown, Sock and Buskin is a student run club whose focus is the big stage. Plays, musicals, dance, all of it is welcome at the drama club. Sock and Buskin is Etown's oldest club.

At Sock and Buskin students participate in meetings to discuss topics as they relate to the performing arts. The club even at one point would take a trip up to New York City, N.Y. to see a professional Broadway show. Broadway, of course being the world's stage for all things theater. However, amid the flashing lights of Times Square, the pandemic would hit the industry hard. Broadway theaters would close for a year following the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. During the 1918 pandemic they hadn't closed and had reopened on September 13, 2001. This would be quite a blow to the drama community. However, the drama club still persisted.

Sock and Buskin also talk about a wide variety of events the drama club hosts. Whether those be homecoming or discussing whatever show the drama department has recently put on.

Speaking of which, the drama department is putting on a show! "Still Life with Iris" is being performed at the Tempest Theater from March 17 through 26.

The play follows the life of a little girl named Iris who must travel across the land of Nocturno on a magical adventure to regain her home. In the world of Nocturno, everything seen in the day is made at night, and memories are stored in your pockets. The gods of this world take Iris from her home and with it her memories. Slowly, Iris learns of the true nature of her past, and journeys home.

Sock and Buskin is a great place to discuss the play after watching it; and that's really where the drama club excels at. The theatrical arts are one that many enjoy, but few perform. At Sock and Buskin, you don't have to be a performer to enjoy the performances. If you have stage fright, then you need not be frightened. Sock and Buskin may be just the place for you.

Photo courtesy of Zachary Carlson

Sock and Buskin is all about creativity, and everyone is sure to enjoy their productions, whether you're in the audience or on the stage.

Welcome to the Jungle

Read about Kyle Flory's doggy duo, Kenji and Koji

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Sophomore digital media production major and Asian study minor Kyle Flory has two very good boys named Kenji and Koji. The two are very charming Shibu Inus who Kyle obtained 5 years ago.

The two were named after searching for traditional Japanese names for pets. Kenji in some translations can mean prosecutor, which, according to Flory, very much fits his personality. Koji can mean the second son as Koji was the runt of the litter.

Flory instantly went to pick up one dog who would be later named Kenji. While there, Flory saw another smaller dog. The breeder told him that Koji was likely going to starve because the other dogs were taking his food, as that happened to their sister. Flory then decided to adopt him as well that same day as he was worried about what could happen to Koji.

"Our favorite activities are lounging around," Flory said. "They do not like to cuddle because they are Shiba Inus so they are unique in that sense." They enjoy walking on the Conewago trail here in Etown, the Bainbridge river trail and the White Cliffs of Conoy in Marietta.

Flory said it was a challenge early on because they were litter mates so Koji was food aggressive while Kenji was not. Flory also at the time had a German Shepherd, so trying to make sure they all got fed was a struggle. Now Koji and Kengi have flipped roles, where Kenji is now the food aggressive one and Koji is trying to fight Kenji for food.

"Koji loves to play fetch. He will play it all day," Flory said. "Kenji has never fetched a ball in his life; he doesn't care about playing." Koji is the more athletic brother. He loves to play fetch and other games, while Kenji just loves to lounge around the house.

The first night Flory brought them home, they stopped at a pet store to pick up toys. Flory said they still have a John Cena dog chew toy that they picked up that day. Kenji has three toys that he keeps that he doesn't let Koji play with, a strawberry, a fox and a gorilla, which has been kept intact since they first got him those toys.

"They are like his mint-conditioned action figures," Flory said. "He will walk around with them but never chew them." While Koji does not hold attachment to toys, Kenji does. Koji's favorite toy is any ball that he can get his paws on.

Koji loves bone marrow and sweet potatoes. They are his favorite snacks. While Kenji doesn't like bone marrow and sweet potatoes, his favorite snacks are everything else including inedible things.

Kenji and Koji both know tricks such as spins, sitting, jumping and giving their paws. Kyle said his favorite thing they do is catching things so he tries to do trick shots with them with treats and toys.

"They are not good boys, they are the best boys," Flory said. Kyle also has a tortoise named Hank who he also cares for.

Photo courtesy of Kyle Flory

Brothers Kenji and Koji enjoy long walks on local trails, but they also love to lounge around at home together.

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Rory wishes he could go to Rita's.

SPORTS

Intramural sports are open to all Blue Jays

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For the athletically inclined Elizabethtown College students, faculty and staff, the Office of Campus Recreation and Well-Being provides all Blue Jays with the opportunity to join a wide range of intramural sports. Registration for intramural sports is completely free. To participate, you need to create an account and register at www.imleagues.com.

When signing up, be sure to use your Etown email address. If you would like to join a team, create your own or join as a free agent, sign in with your Etown email and password at imleagues.com/etown. Sports offered as intramurals include: spikeball, softball, badminton, cornhole, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, beach volleyball, basketball, bowling, dodgeball, soccer, golf, disc golf and flag football, among others.

For the spring 2022 season, cornhole, dodgeball, volleyball and doubles badminton were offered as intramurals. The sign-ups for cornhole and doubles badminton are closed for this season. The dodgeball season was from Jan. 24 to Feb. 16. The volleyball season was from Jan. 25 to Feb. 17. The cornhole season runs from Feb. 21 to April 29, and the doubles badminton season runs from March 21 to April 27.

For some students, intramural sports provide an outlet to expend energy. "It helps me to stay active, meet new people and [I] get to hang out with my friends. It's a great way to relax and just have fun!"Badminton Baddies team captain Angelina Giglio-Tos said.

Others highlight how intramurals (IM) give them opportunities to be competitive. Ryan Ramler, team captain of the intramural volleyball team Freshman Frenzy, enjoys playing intramurals at Etown because it provides him with a chance to be active, competitive and with friends. Ramler has played beach volleyball and indoor volleyball intramurals at Etown. He said, "These IM opportunities have given me the opportunity to strengthen relationships with people that I already knew and meet new people whom I have since gotten to know better." He added that the competitive and active nature of intramurals are excellent for the brain and body. "It gives us a chance to step away from work for a few hours," Ramler said.

There is an upcoming 3v3 Basketball Tournament benefiting the Etown NAACP on April 27 in Thompson Gym. Registration is March 28 at 8 a.m. to April 20 at 5 p.m. There will be a Top Division and a Co-ed Division. It is $5 per player. Half of the proceeds will go to Etown College's NAACP, and the other half will go to Church World Service of Lancaster, the Foundation for Enhancing Communities (Harrisburg), the Spanish American Civic Association of Lancaster, LGBT Center (Harrisburg) and the Community Cupboard of Elizabethtown.

March Madness Tournament update

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This week, March Madness continued on Sunday, March 20, with eight more second-round games for the NCAA's Men's Basketball tournament as well as eight second-round games for the Women's tournament. It all started with the ninth seeded team, Texas Christian University.

TCU took its loss in an upset towards the very end of the suspenseful game, but top-seeded Arizona came back in overtime to beat TCU. With this win, TCU has secured a spot in the Sweet 16 with an 85-80 win in San Diego.

Coach Jim Larrañaga of Miami also faced off against Auburn this week. Miami finished the game with a win. Miami is currently ranked 10th seed, and Auburn is ranked second seed. Miami triumphed over Auburn in convincing fashion, with four of five starters finishing in double figures.

No. 11 seed Iowa State continued its storybook tournament run with a five-point victory over Wisconsin, which is currently ranked number three in the tournament right now.

Also in the headlines for the men's matchups of the week this week, Coach Mike Krzyzewski of Duke faced off and beat Michigan State in an exciting game. The final score was 85-76, a victory for Duke in the second round.

The second-seeded Villanova men's team moved on to the Sweet 16 with a ten point victory against Ohio State. That was followed by a 68-53 victory against Illinois.

The current Women's No. 1 overall seed South Carolina followed up a huge victory over Howard University. This was followed up with another huge win against Miami.

The women's tournament was just as exciting this week. It all started with two big shockers within the span of a few hours. South Dakota, which is currently in the 10th seed, wound up building an early double digit lead and destroyed Baylor College in Waco, Tex., while fellow underdog Creighton University triumphed over Caitlin Clark University and Iowa, which is currently in the second seed on the Hawkeyes' home court.

The Harrisburg Senators' season preview

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The Harrisburg Senators are set to kick off their season in just two weeks and will take on the Altoona Curve in Altoona, Pa.

The Senators are the Double-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals and are a great way to see rising MLB talent before they make it to the show. Notable alumni from the Senators include Vladimir Guerrero, Cliff Lee, Ryan Zimmerman and Bryce Harper.

The Senators finished dead last in their conference last year with a record of 42 wins and 72 losses.

It was a tough season for the team, but they do play in a competitive conference.

Altoona also struggled last year, but still was able to get 16 more wins than the Senators.

Altoona came in second to last, so the Senators were far behind the rest of the field. But these two teams should make for a good opening day matchup.

The Senators currently have two major prospects in the Nationals organization, both of whom are young pros looking to make it all the way to the Nationals.

Left-hand pitcher Matt Cornin played some of 2021 with the Senators and is expected to start the season as a relief pitcher, possibly even a closer. Cronin did have a high Earned Run Average (ERA) of 5.56 while with the Senators but has an overall professional ERA of just 2.08.

Cornin was the closer for the Arkansas Razorbacks and had 91 strikeouts,52 while in college. Cornin was drafted in the fourth round by the Nationals in 2019.

Additionally, the Senators' shortstop Jackson Cluff is a top prospect in the organization. Cluff joined the Senators in 2019, but a thumb injury set him back nearly two years.

He was sent down to the Single-A affiliate of the Nationals before rejoining the Senators in 2021.

Cluff got off to a slow start in professional baseball, as he struggled in 2019, but bounced back last year and finished the season batting .214. Cluff is still only 25 and has lots of time to prove himself to the organization.

If you want to see the Senators in action, you'll have to wait till April 12, when they host their home opener and take on the Portland Sea Dogs.

The Sea Dogs finished second in their conference last year and are expected to be a strong team again this year. This series will be the Senators' first big test of the season.

Photo courtesy of Unsplash
The Senators are egar to start the season against the Altoona Curve.

Video Game Review: Pool Elite

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"Pool Elite" is an old game, but it is worth a review. This game is a three-dimensional pool simulator, enabling you to play several different variations of pool including but not limited to: 8-Ball, 9-Ball, 3 Cushion, Carom and even Snooker.

This game is very realistic, as it is based in physics. This means that the ball(s) will roll proportionally to how hard you hit it.

"Pool Elite" is a simulation game in which the action can be observed from several different perspectives, such as top-down for example. The camera can be adjusted by pressing the relevant button. The game concentrates on hitting billiard balls. The goal is to try to win the game based on the rules governing a particular variation of pool that you are playing.

One of the features of this game is that during game play, you have the ability to adjust the direction and force of the shots, and thanks to realistic physics, the billiard-balls behave just the way we expect them.

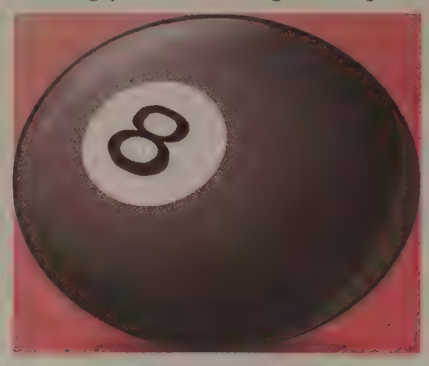
Mastiff's production gives us the opportunity to play single and tournament style game play.

This game also offers unique mini-games and several challenges including a weekly challenge, completing which brings the player rewards, which are items that mainly enable the player to customize their avatar.

You will have to play the game to see which customizable options exist in this game.

One of the features of this game is that it offers several different game modes. You can either play solo or compete with other players, either in person or over the Internet. In online multiplayer mode, players' scores are recorded in a special ranking using the Elo rating system known from many sports disciplines.

"Pool Elite" has very realistic, three-dimensional visuals. Both the room you play in and the table, together with the billiard-balls on the table, have been reproduced in great detail to bring you a realistic game of pool.



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"Pool Elite" is an easy, classic game everyone should play.

Etown Women's Lacrosse loses to Misericordia

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Blue Jays lose to Cougars 17-3, the first loss after three wins against them.

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On Saturday, March 19, the Elizabethtown College women's lacrosse team faced off on Wolf Field against Misericordia University in a hard-fought match. At the end of the game, the final score was 17-3, with the Cougars of Misericordia coming out on top. The Blue Jays now have a 1-6 record and the Cougars hold a 3-3 record.

Junior Anna Charitonchick started the game off strong for the Blue Jays with an early lead. Charitonchick scored her fourth goal of the 2022 season less than two minutes into the game from a tough angle behind the goal. After a short two minutes, Misericordia would respond with a goal, leading them to a 13-0 run of goals over the next two quarters.

The second quarter was the strongest for the Cougars, scoring a total of six unanswered goals. In the third quarter, Etown was able to hold them to two goals, but were not able to produce any of their own, leaving them behind 1-13 going into the final quarter of the game.

The final quarter was hard-fought, with graduate student Kate Ziegler scoring twice for the Blue Jays. She started off with the first goal of the quarter, scoring a little under four minutes in. With a response from the Cougars a minute and a half later, she retaliated again shortly after with her second goal. Junior Hannah Cressman assisted on both tallies for Ziegler. The Cougars were able to score four of their own in the final quarter, leading them to a 17-3 victory over the Blue Jays.

Throughout the game, there were 52 total shots, 16 coming from Etown and 36 shot by Misericordia. The two stand-out scorers for Misericordia were Genevieve Montanye and Michelle Torzilli, each with four goals. Justice Johnson followed shortly behind with two goals.

In the past, the Etown Women's Lacrosse team has beaten Misericordia three times, and now carries one loss against them. The last time the two teams have crossed paths was in March of 2011.

Etown will host Alvernia at Wolf Field on Wednesday, March 23, at 4 p.m., but it will not be a Landmark Conference game. Alvernia is currently 5-2, but 0-2 away, giving the Blue Jays hope for their second win of the season.

The next Landmark Conference match up will take place at Scranton on Saturday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

Ash Barty announces retirement

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Australia's Ash Barty, the No. 1-ranked women's tennis player in the world, has recently announced her retirement from the sport at the age of 25.

Barty said in an emotional video posted on Wednesday, March 16 on her social media accounts: "I'm so happy and I'm so ready. I just know at the moment in my heart for me as a person this is right."

The announcement comes less than two months after she won her home Australian Open, her third Grand Slam singles title.

"It's the first time I've actually said it out loud and, yeah, it's hard to say," Barty told her former doubles partner Casey Dellacqua in the video interview. "But I'm so happy, and I'm so ready."

"I don't have the physical drive, the emotional want and everything it takes to challenge yourself at the very top of the level any more. I am spent," Barty said.

Barty, who left tennis in 2014 to pursue a professional cricket career but returned to the sport only two years later, wound up winning her three major singles titles on three different surfaces.

The first surface was on clay at the 2019 French Open, which was then followed by a win on grass at Wimbledon last year.

This was also followed up by a win on the hard courts of Melbourne Park at the Australian Open in January.

The Women's Tennis Association Tour said Barty has held the No. 1 ranking for 114 consecutive weeks.

She is the second woman to retire while being ranked No. 1 in the world. Justine Henin retired on May 14, 2008, after spending 61 consecutive weeks ranked at the top.

Henin also was 25 at the time of her retirement, but did come back two years after her retirement, after reaching the final of the 2010 Australian Open before stepping away for good in 2011.

"Ashleigh Barty with her signature slice backhand, complemented by being the ultimate competitor, has always led by example through the unwavering professionalism and sportsmanship she brought to every match," Women's Tennis Association chairman and CEO Steve Simon said in a statement. "With her accomplishments at the Grand Slams, WTA Finals and reaching the pinnacle ranking of No.1 in the world, she has clearly established herself as one the great champions of the WTA.

"We wish Ash only the very best and know that she will continue to be a tremendous ambassador for the sport of tennis as she embarks on this new chapter of her life. We will miss her."

Barty said tennis has "given me all of my dreams, plus more, but I know that the time is right now for me to step away and chase other dreams, and to put the rackets down."

She noted in her Instagram caption that she leaves the sport "feeling proud and fulfilled" and said there will be more to come at her news conference on Thursday, March 17.

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Ash Barty, ranked #1 in tennis, announces retirement.

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FAKE NEWS

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FAKE NEWS for April Fool's Week

To the students, faculty, staff, and all other members of the Elizabethtown College community,

We welcome you to another April Fool's Day edition of the Etownian! In the past two years, we have acknowledged the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic and proceeded with our tradition of this long-awaited issue. We continue this acknowledgment of the pandemic and add the severity of the Ukraine crisis. Though the articles you are about to read are fake news (and Features and Campus Life and Sports), this statement is real: we acknowledge the current global events could be impacting the Elizabethtown community in more ways than one. Some may think this issue is short-sighted and callous, but we hope we alleviate the stress of the outside world with humor and laughter, even if for a few moments.

Please remember to stay safe and stay healthy! We hope you enjoy 2022's April Fool's edition of the Etownian!

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Etown embraces new JayCoin cryptocurrency

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The College introduced a cryptocurrency that will replace current payment methods.

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Kids these days think college is so old-school. Well not anymore. Elizabethtown College announced a transformative measure this week with the introduction of the JayCoin, a school-sponsored cryptocurrency. Students will be able to use JayCoin as currency at popular places on campus, such as the Jay's Nest and College Store. They will also have the opportunity to "mine" JayCoin, much like popular cryptocurrencies Bitcoin and Ethereum.

"We might as well be called Ethereum College," Etown marketing professor with mixed opinions about the JayCoin Kathy Schwab said. "I don't think students would use it," she said.

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The College adds new influencer studies degree

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Elizabethtown College recently put out a list of new majors that they are adding to the course catalog, and one of them is the new influencer studies degree! The influencer studies degree is a four-year degree in the communications program, and the Steinman Building will add a separate wing for influencer studies majors. Construction will begin over the summer. The separate wing will allow students to be closed off from the rest of campus, simulating the life of a real influencer, as most are out of touch with the real world.

Plans for the new wing in Steinman have already been laid out by staff at Etown. It will include dorms for the students to live in and new state of the art classrooms. It also includes a kitchen, similar to dorm rooms already in place.

This hybrid dorm-classroom approach is an experimental one, and Etown is excited to be at the forefront of influencer studies programs around the world.

Students that are already in the communications department can easily transfer majors if they are junior standing or below. Business and marketing majors can also transfer to the influencer studies program if they are sophomore standing or below.

The courses offered in the degree will help prepare students for life as an influencer. Influencer studies majors will not have to follow the core curriculum plan, because there is always a different set of rules for the elite.

Photo courtesy of Matthew Price

An influencer studies major completes her homework by uploading selfies to Canvas. The student with the best selfie will earn 100 followers as extra credit.

Successful influencers often end up making millions of dollars a year, and they can make their own rules.

First-year student Layla Murphy says she is looking forward to transferring to the influencer studies degree.

"I'm looking forward to audio class and knowing the trending sounds to dance to," Murphy said.

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Schlosser Shenanigans: residents seek new homes

Photo courtesy of Paula Groff

Schlosser residents must search for new housing as their beloved building falls.

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On March 28, the Elizabethtown College Schlosser Residence Hall was due for health inspection checks but failed to receive clearance because of multiple mycotoxins, such as trichothecenes, discovered around the Schlobby. If ingested and left untreated, these can lead to nephropathy, hepatic diseases, hemorrhagic syndrome and cancer. The inspectors declared that this toxic compound was produced due to past flooding of liquid dihydrogen monoxide in the area, leading to the growth of mold and bacteria. In order to preserve the safety of students, officials have ordered the immediate demolition of the building and the removal of all Schlosser residents.

Where will these students live for the remainder of the semester? Some share their unique outlook.

Second-floor resident Gabrielle Kambouroglos details her feelings regarding the recent discovery.

"Well, I'm glad they're trying to solve the problem with the toxins, but I don't think that knocking down our building is the solution because we have nowhere to go, and it's bad for future students too," she said.

However, Kambouroglos has big plans to fulfill her college experience for the rest of the semester.

"So, I was actually thinking of reopening the tunnels underneath Ober," she stated. "I'll probably throw a rager, getting all the [others] down there for bonding."

Kambouroglos encouraged all ex-residents to attend her gathering; however, she emphasized that this is an exclusive, invite only event.

She said the party will occur "ASAP Rocky," implying that the details are still in the works.

Her decision to reside in underground tunnels is a strange choice, especially as she was just evacuated from her residence due to poor living conditions. Will the tunnels serve as a more suitable solution?

"We're living the rugged life now," she replied, wholly embracing this new, possibly health-destructive lifestyle.

Next, first-floor resident Katelyn Ritchey has dismal plans for her relocation, opting to reside at the memorial behind the High Library and use the bench as her bed.

"It has a little pavilion, so if it rains, I won't get as wet," she stated to justify her choice.

This small, cozy spot tucked away on campus serves as a prime spot for Ritchey, who will be living alone there. When asked why no one is accompanying her, she responded, "I don't have friends."

However, Ritchey offers advice to her fellow ex-residents as they search for places to stay.

"Make friends so you don't have to sleep outside," she wisely recommended.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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So we all know Truman, right? That cute labradoodle who walks around campus allowing everyone to pet him? And I mean, let's be honest here, is there anything better than petting Truman? Well, what about petting hundreds, or maybe even thousands, of Trumans?

Do I have your attention yet? Of course I do, because at the end of the day, we all love Truman! And that is exactly the reason why Dr. Jane Cavender, along with her sidekick Dr. Diane Bridge, both masterminds of Elizabethtown College's very own biology department, have decided to go forward with a multimillion-dollar plan to clone Truman the dog in the span of one year!

In a recent interview with the Etownian, Cavender expressed her hard-to-contain levels of excitement, as well as the reasons behind this unique initiative. "The College has started a new plan to give every single student their own Truman!," Cavender said. "Therapy dogs can be huge for emotional support, and Truman is just a perfect subject for this experiment."

Labradoodles are hypoallergenic, and they also come in various sizes, such as Teacup, Toy, Miniature and Standard. Additionally, the team leading the charge in cloning Truman will make the attempt to give the coat of all clones that distinctive blue color that represents the College.

After years of planning for this project, Cavender and Bridge were able to come up with a definitive research proposal that has thrown the science world upside down and made both national and international agencies all wait in line for an opportunity to fund this incredible project. In the end, the biology department humbly accepted funds from the U.S Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation (NSF), the American Kennel Club and the National Audubon Society.

The science behind this project can get a little bit extreme, so just bear with me for a second (if you're interested, of course). Without harming Truman, Cavender's lab will extract nuclear information from Truman's cells and place them in female labradoodle cells that have been modified to have no nucleus.

After a few months, Bridge's lab will use CRISPR technology to create a genetic sequence using the OCA2 gene, producing a blue pigment that will be injected into the newly modified Truman cells. According to Cavender, an offspring should be produced after a year of artificial growing, hopefully bringing to life the first ever Truman clones by April 1, 2023.

In the past, Cavender has faintly expressed her lack of love towards the College's current mascot, Conrad the Blue Jay, as it can sometimes not show enough "aggression." "We would be really happy if Truman's clones could become the new school mascot," Cavender said. "We could even name them all Jay."

There is no denying that Dr. Cavender holds a slight grudge towards Conrad, and her initiative to clone Truman could be a slight form of attack towards the Blue Jay.

JAYCOIN PAGE 1

Etown becomes first college to create cryptocurrency

The college is also introducing non-fungible tokens (NFTs), which are virtual assets that can be traded.

Etown has announced the creation of a Blue Jay token and a virtual Truman, the College therapy dog, that can be purchased exclusively with JayCoin.

Students are excited for what this might mean for the college. "This is the coolest and most creative idea a college has had since the 1950's," junior engineering student Alex D'Amico said. "I own some cryptocurrencies currently, and I'm excited to have a personal connection to the origin of this one!" he said.

This project hasn't come without setbacks, though, as creating a cryptocurrency platform is an uncommon and unconventional task. One of the biggest issues has been creating a blockchain that does not consume an enormous amount of power for students to mine JayCoin. This is one of the main concerns with the sustainability of Bitcoin, as the amount of power that is used to mine Bitcoin currently could power an entire country.

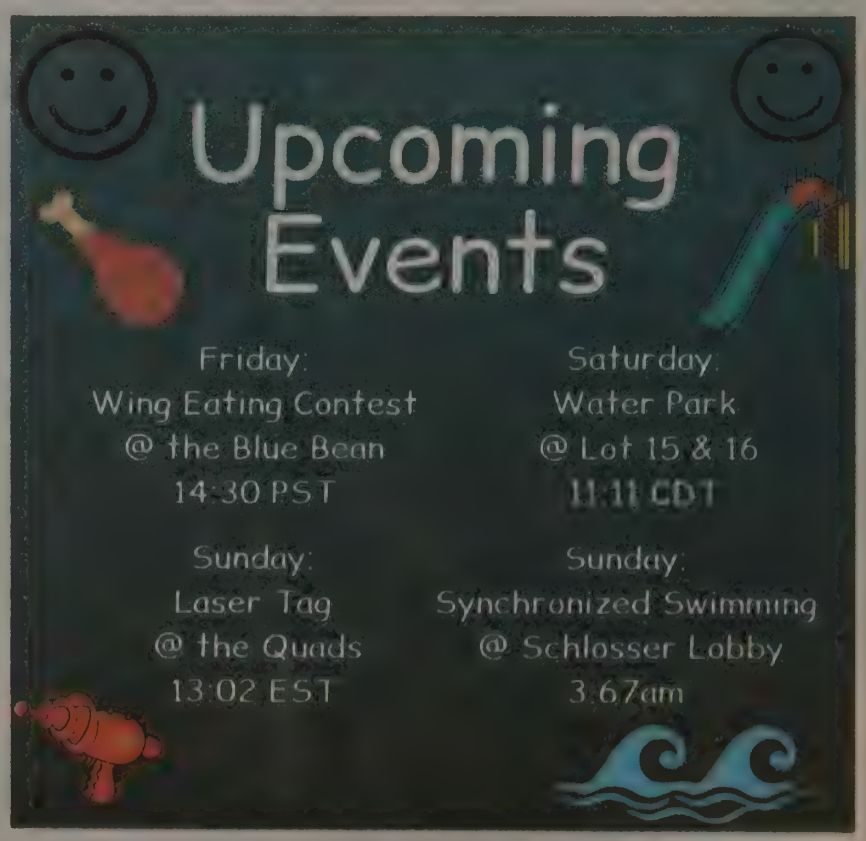
Etown is one of the first colleges in the nation to try to create a cryptocurrency and platform for NFTs of its own. The College wants to see itself as a leader in this regard, as it believes many other schools will follow once they see the success of the JayCoin. The world has already begun to shift away from cash as many businesses across the nation no longer accept cash as payment. This leads the way to a shift away from the US dollar as a primary form of currency due to its loss in value over time due to inflation. With cryptocurrency, the appeal and hope is that it actually gains value over time as more people utilize it. The College feels that JayCoin is a way to both jump into the modern world of finance as well as put some extra money in its pockets.

The College also wishes to expand its NFT platform with time, opening the opportunity for students to create and sell their own NFTs on it. This not only allows students to feel a connection to this change, but also an ability to impact it. Creators of NFTs across the globe have seen success in monetizing art, music and even trading cards on websites such as crypto.com. The College has begun challenging its art and music students with making and selling the first NFTs for the platform's launch, coming this fall.

"I think this will be popular because of the connection students will be able to feel knowing they are able to buy their own NFTs using JayCoin they mined," D'Amico said. "I really think this is going to take off."

The College believes this will prove to be a valuable recruitment tool as well, since no school has attempted to create anything of the sort. They feel this will help make Etown look more unique and engaged with their students than competing colleges.

"I would've stopped my college searches then and there if this existed when I was looking at schools," D'Amico said.



INFLUENCER STUDIES PAGE 1

New program allows students to grow in fame

The audio class will relate to the popular app TikTok, with course material covering the basics of how to work audios and how to create your own.

Other classes offered in the influencer studies degree include a Photoshop class, where students will learn to alter reality. This is part of the Instagram and Facebook part of the degree. There is also a class on Facetune and video editing.

Makeup and physical conditioning classes will also be part of the course because influencers are all about surface-level beauty. The influencer studies majors will have to go through a two-semester long beauty class and will learn all the best spots to get your routine done for you, like hair salons.

Influencer studies with a concentration in video gaming will not have to participate in beauty classes. They will have to take a class on how to market energy drinks to fellow gamers. For streamers, a course on Twitch will be offered as well as competitive video games.

Writing classes will be included in the major. Notes app apology writing is one of the prerequisites for the courses. This is paired with tweet writing and caption writing. Plagiarism is allowed and encouraged in the influencer studies courses, so students can expect the writing component to be a breeze.

However, one of the most strenuous courses will be the apology video course. In this class, students will be expected to make one apology video a week, and every time they make a mistake, they will be monitored and a video will have to come out explaining their actions. Students must take this course every single semester that they are in the program.

The degree also caters to an older audience. For adult students, the course on Facebook will be the most important. This will include how to use the "live" feature of Facebook, and how to use Facebook Marketplace. A course on how to sell multi-level marketing schemes will also be taught.

SCHLOSSER PAGE 1

Toxins flood Schlosser

Many students, including second-floor resident Grace Ceschan, have embraced Ritchey's advice and decided to place tents on the Dell and camp out together. These individuals will be selling most of their dorm essentials on the Jays App at an inflated rate in order to sustain their new camping lifestyles.

Donations to these individuals can be provided through the Schlosser Real Estate Fund, which accepts student charge, Jaybucks, or simply and most conveniently, students' social security numbers.

Finally, junior Zeke Ciafre has opened his heart and will be welcoming the displaced into his quad—at a rate of $150 per hour.

"I'm offering my couch in quad B4," he said. "You can come and live there instead [of outside]."

Ciafre generously advertised that about three people can fit on the couch at once, allowing roommates and friends to stay together. However, each student must pay separately, cash only.

"I'm very clean, and it's not flooded," Ciafre also noted.

This alluring statement is likely to garner the interest of many, so it is necessary that ex-residents jump at this offer as soon as possible.

Ciafre encourages Kambouroglos, Ritchey and Ceschan to take advantage of this stellar deal because the money earned will allow him to buy more car parts. Additionally, 0 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Schlosser Real Estate Fund.

For an indoor and semi-comfortable option, contact Ciafre at 1-800-MONEYGRAB for booking inquiries.

Students campaign to be next College president

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As the academic year inches closer to ending, the long-anticipated elections for Elizabethtown College president are finally kicking off with three contenders running for the position. Each of the candidates have comprehensive goals and brave agendas to pursue, so I set out to interview them to learn more and better inform the student body for what could only be described as the most consequential election in America. Surprisingly, all three of the candidates are currently Etown students, which many student groups have advocated for as a better representation for the student body.

The first of the candidates is John D'Amico, a political science senior who is active in his year's Student Senate. D'Amico's background in politics and his participation in Senate was seen as impressive for the student body, many citing that his seniority gives him the experience needed in the presidency. I sat down to interview D'Amico and before I could start my questions, he exclaimed, "Bring Back Backs!'

"I spend a lot of time in the BSC," D'Amico said, "and I use the tables and chairs in the upper lounge as my office. However, the chairs in the BSC do not have backs!" I was shocked. D'Amico was right, for we were sitting in the BSC and I leaned back to find no back on the chairs. "If elected, I will Bring Back Backs!" I could not help but cheer.

Although hard to top off a goal as noble as bringing back backs, I asked D'Amico if he had other agendas he would pursue if he was elected for the office. "I will bring Brad Pitt to campus," he said with his serious tone that many of his electorate had come to love. I inquired how he would achieve this feat. "I have a personal connection," he said leaning closer towards me. "I watched 'Seven' last night."

As I was wrapping up my interview, Gabryel Sewell, the second candidate, walked in. "Await the October surprise," D'Amico warned before leaving.

Sewell, a political science major and a psychology minor, did not seem worried. Many voters have expressed concern over Sewell's departure from Senate, viewing it as a sign that she was not the right person for the political job. However, no one could help but believe in her goals for Etown.

"I will make all drinks free in the Jay's Nest," she said to an audio of cheers playing from her phone. "I want my pink lemonade, and I should not be asked to pay for it. You want coffee," she pointed at the cup sitting beside my laptop, "you should not be expected to pay for it!" In that moment, my mind wandered off to a world of life, liberty and the pursuit of free coffee. "Oh, also," she added, "I will bring Chief Keef to Etown. He is an avid supporter of the NAACP, where I am vice president." I could not help but think that the candidate had said this because D'Amico's poll numbers have gotten much better after announcing the Brad Pitt visit.

The final candidate, Jalen Belgrave, decided to run on his Mx. Etown platform. When asked why he chose to run for the presidency, Belgrave said, "I want to fulfill my duties as Mx. Etown, and the best way to do that is by continuing to serve the student body in better ways." Coming in with a legal studies major, too many minors to name and being the secretary of the Senate's executive cabinet, many believe that the junior candidate may be Etown's most experienced candidate.

"I want the radio to play rap music," Belgrave said, "There is not enough rap being played." I nodded along, with Lil Baby playing on my Airpods. I asked the candidate if he had any last words and sure enough, he exclaimed, "Let's go Mx. Etown!"

It sure will not be an easy choice for the student body to pick the College's president with such a qualified slate of candidates, but I hope the in-depth, personal look into the candidates will help them make the right choice.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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Do you absolutely love the cold? Do you love to travel and go on adventures? Do you want to go to a place that few people have ever visited? If you answered "yes," then the newest Elizabethtown College study abroad program is definitely for you!

That's right, Etown has partnered with Study Abroad on Ice (SAI) and the University of the South Pole (USP) to bring you the first study abroad program in Antarctica. Etown is the first partner college for the program, and USP hopes to add more partners in the future.

"We wanted to offer study abroad programs on every continent. Our students are interested in hands-on research opportunities, so it seemed like the perfect option!" Study Abroad and International Students Advisor Megan Bell said.

Students will primarily be focusing on research and will work alongside USP students and researchers residing at nearby coastal research stations. Students will have the chance to conduct research on geology, biology, climate change, environmental science, astronomy and more!

"I am so excited for this new program and the opportunity to explore a new country! I think that this program will be very popular as it is a once in a lifetime opportunity," senior Spanish education major Brooke Bergman said.

If research isn't your thing, that's completely fine because USP also offers a variety of courses to fuel your curiosity and sense of adventure. Bell reported the list of confirmed classes so far, including Astrology in the Polar Regions, Arctic Ocean Biodiversity, Birds of Antarctica, Climate Change and the Ecosystem, Tourism at the South Pole and Weather and Waves: The Drake Passage.

USP wants to provide students studying abroad a truly unique experience, so instead of traditional dorm housing, students will be staying in igloos! They will be specially insulated to protect students from the elements, and students will have the option to have a roommate (or igloomate).

Like with most Etown-affiliated study abroad programs, the new Antarctica program will have multiple excursions included in program fees. These excursions include a Milky Way camping trip, a wildlife tour (featuring polar bears and penguins), an Arctic Ocean cruise, glacier climbing, kayaking with whales, skiing and scuba diving.

Already, students are incredibly excited about this program. SAI has been overwhelmed with inquiries about more information and how to apply. There may not be enough igloos for everyone!

"If I wasn't graduating, I would 100 percent apply to this program," Bergman said. "To see how other people live at the tip of the world would be so interesting and be an experience I would hold onto forever. It would shape the way in which I live and open my perspective to better understand how other people live in other continents."

And the best thing: the Antarctica program is available for Spring 2023! Applications are already open and are due Oct. 15. You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity.

If you're interested in the program but have some anxiety about going abroad, fear not, Bergman has some advice for you.

"To the students who want to go abroad, make it work and make the most of your time there. The experience is what you make it. I highly recommend saying yes to everything (as long as it's not illegal) and getting out of your comfort zone," she said.

You can apply to the program on USP's website. I'm sure you'll have a cool (get it?) experience!

Abby Lee Miller holds Beyoncé backup dancer class

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Last week, the cabinet members of E-Motion—Elizabethtown College's all-inclusive dance club and the largest club on campus— were treated to a very special master class. The one and only Abby Lee Miller, star of the hit reality show "Dance Moms," visited campus to teach a master class. We soon learned, however, that this master class came with a lot more than we had bargained for.

The class was not just any class: it was a class for the future backup dancers for the queen herself, Beyoncé. I knew that joining the E-Motion cabinet as Public Relations representative would pay off eventually!

Now, like most dancers, I did have days when I would watch the stunt dancers for the Sixers or the Eagles' cheerleaders and think to myself, "Wow. Maybe that will be me someday." Backup dancing for Beyoncé, though? Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that! And with Abby Lee Miller?! That was even more far-fetched.

"I'd actually met Abby Lee Miller years ago," life-long dancer and E-Motion's current secretary Alli Amsbaugh said. "She was… very much like she is on her show, but it was still a good experience. She was much nicer this time, though!"

Our fundraiser Christina Mercincavage agreed: "I really don't know why people don't like her, she's amazing!"

The eight of us on cabinet attended this late-night master class with a bit of hesitation for that very reason, so imagine our surprise when we heard we were preparing to dance for Beyoncé!

We started with a high-intensity warm-up, led by Miller, that nearly sent me home, quite frankly. Most of this campus knows that I do not have the strongest of ankles, but Miller did not appear concerned about that fact. After warming up, we began with the song "End of Time," a song actually included in the Beyoncé Hip-Hop Remix choreographed by senior Rachel Freed this semester. We began in a pyramid—as Miller is a fan of pyramids—and learned a very sassy hip hop routine. From there, we transitioned into a tap dance to my all-time favorite Beyoncé song: "Love on Top." (I'd like to note to whoever cares that I can sing every riff in that song, even spontaneously.) Now, tap was not seen too often on Miller's show, but the dance we did definitely would have been a good fit for the reality show. As we only have three tap dances this semester and not all eight of us are able to participate in all three, it was nice to get a chance to all tap together.

Our third dance was a lyrical number to "If I Were a Boy," and while I usually am partial to tap, I did thoroughly enjoy this number.

"I'm envisioning a give-and-take sort of piece," Miller told us. "Half of you will be the hurtful boyfriends, the other half will be the desperate and heartbroken girlfriends. I want to really flesh out this dynamic." While her vision was a good artistic choice, it was hard for us to stay serious with one another, as the eight of us have grown close this semester.

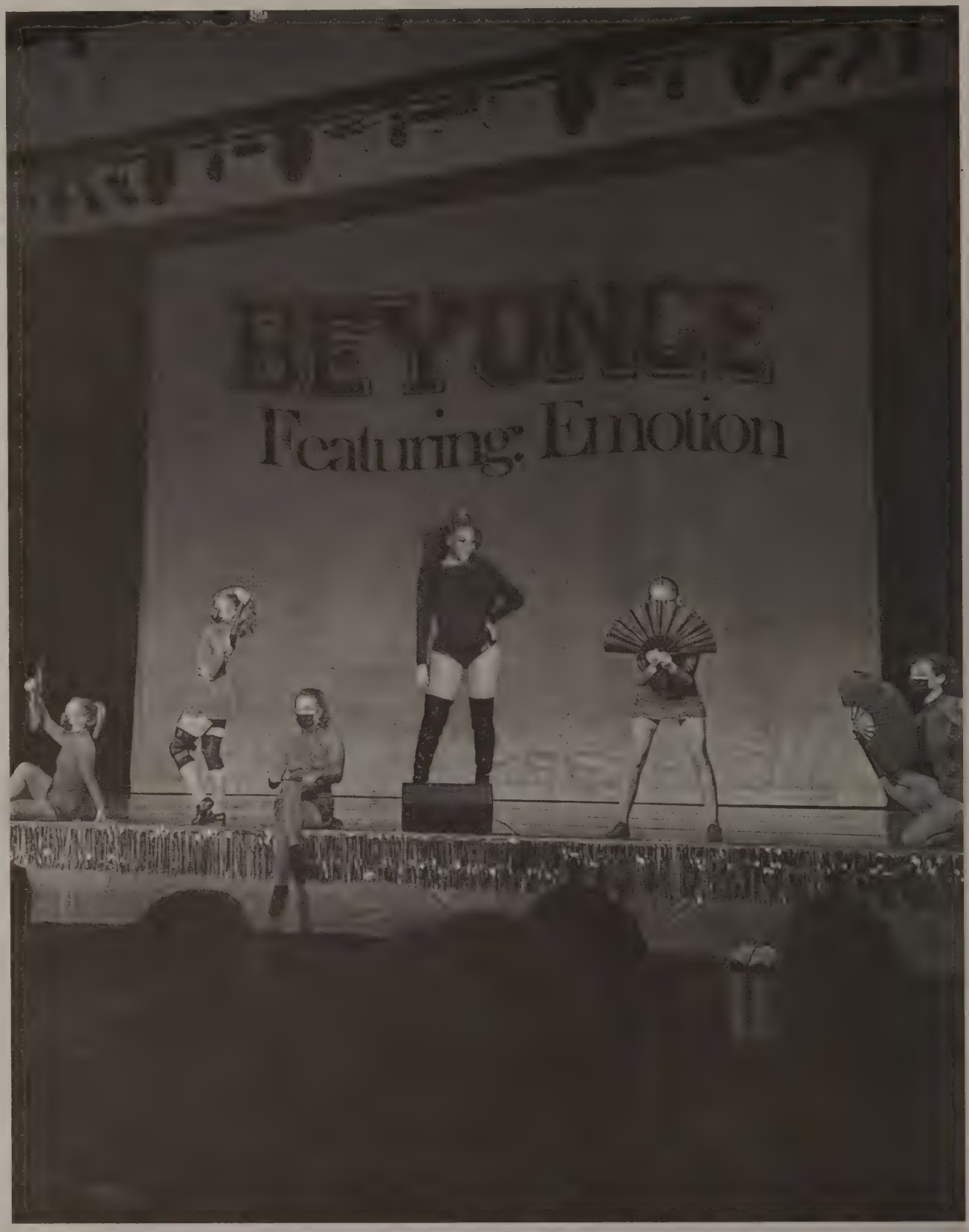
"It was hard to keep a straight face and stay serious," Amsbaugh explained. "I've known and danced with Piper [the club's historian] for about 17 years now, and Ingrid [your's truly] and I have been friends since we started college. We were even roommates for two years." Miller let us have our fun before moving onto our last number: a hip hop dance to "7/11." I was in my element, and everyone else was, too.

"This is all about fun, sass and sexiness, ladies!" Miller encouraged. After a long night of intense dancing, this was the best way to finish off our class.

"The workshop was a lot better than I thought it would be," president of E-Motion Kate Morse reported. "Abby was super fun in person. I had a great time!"

Unfortunately, Beyoncé's next concert does not appear to be scheduled until 2023, but luckily for us, we have a whole year to keep practicing!

Shoutout to Abby Lee Miller, Beyoncé and all of our Blue Jays! Happy April!!



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Abby Lee Miller hosts master dance class for Emotion members. The dancers soon realized that the purpose of this session was to teach Beyoncé's future backup dancers.

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Chef Gordon Ramsey hosts cooking class

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On Friday, March 25, Elizabethtown College hosted none other than Gordan Ramsey himself, who held a cooking class in the Bower's Center Demonstration Kitchen.

There he cooked various foods that he is known for making, such as mud pies, his famous beef wellington, a rack of lamb and a fried frog, curiously enough. He also allowed a few students to cook some of the recipes and finished by giving everyone who attended the event their own cookbook of his recipes.

The event had a turnout of around 100 people including faculty and students.

He started the event out by making his well-known mud pies. Some students had not known how he makes his mud pies such as student Faith Sheppard.

"At first, I thought he meant he was going to make dirt like the dessert with chocolate pudding and Oreos, but then he went outside and grabbed some mud and started cooking. I think it's great he brought us all back to our cooking roots," Sheppard said.

Despite this confusion, Sheppard does claim she had liked his mud pie and it was her favorite dish. She also was shocked to see the theme Chef Ramsey had set up for the event but impressed to see that he was able to skate well in the kitchen.

"I thought it was a little weird that it was 70's disco themed but he really knows how to skate around the kitchen. It was also kinda hard to cook under just black lights, but I think not knowing if you grabbed the right ingredients added to the fun," Sheppard said.

Another curious decision Chef Ramsey made was that everyone at the event had to speak in Esperanto. Esperanto is a language that mixes Spanish, French and English, and Chef Ramsey had everyone speak it to test the students' knowledge and add an extra challenge.

He had allowed students to participate in the events cooking while making the famous beef wellington. A student known as Mackey had been allowed to help with cooking the wellingtons among a few other students. Mackey had claimed that Chef Ramsey had thrown flour at someone for messing up while exclaiming "ĝi estas kio ĝi estas."

Another student named Connor Burke said that shortly after this incident, Chef Ramsey called someone else an idiot sandwich. Sheppard also claimed that he said some weird and confusing things during the event.

"He said that the girls that get it get it and the girls that don't don't, and I think that really says a lot about how our society views cooking," Sheppard said.

After all the recipes had been finished, the students were allowed to try the different food made. Everyone seemed to enjoy the different foods and, when asked, Sammy Yanez said that she liked his beef wellington the most.

The students were then given a cookbook of all of Chef Ramsey's recipes. The cookbook had featured many different recipes he had used on his shows over the years and included the recipes cooked at the demo kitchen.

The event had garnered lots of interest from students and had a positive turnout with beloved opinions from students.

"He's a really funny and cool guy, I really appreciate his time visiting Elizabethtown College," Burke said.

Despite this there were students who disliked some of Chef Ramsey's actions and wish that if he returns for some restrictions to be put in place.

"I would definitely have him here again, but next time maybe put a restriction on languages and the amount of flour allowed to be thrown," Mackey said.

Overall the event was a success and it can only be hoped that Chef Ramsey will return to teach another class in the future.

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Chef Gordon Ramsey teaches cooking class in Bower's Center Demonstration Kitchen. Luckily, only a couple of students left in tears from the experience.

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~Faith Sheppard

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson builds a garden at Etown College

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On Sunday, March 27, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson built a rock garden on the pathway to the Elizabethtown College Bowers Writers House. During an unexpected visit to the College, Johnson built the rock garden in order to celebrate the start of the spring season. The garden is made up of rocks, flowers and moss in order to create a natural aesthetic to this section of the College's campus. Many students on the campus are pleased to see the new garden, but they were even happier to see the celebrity make a visit to their school.

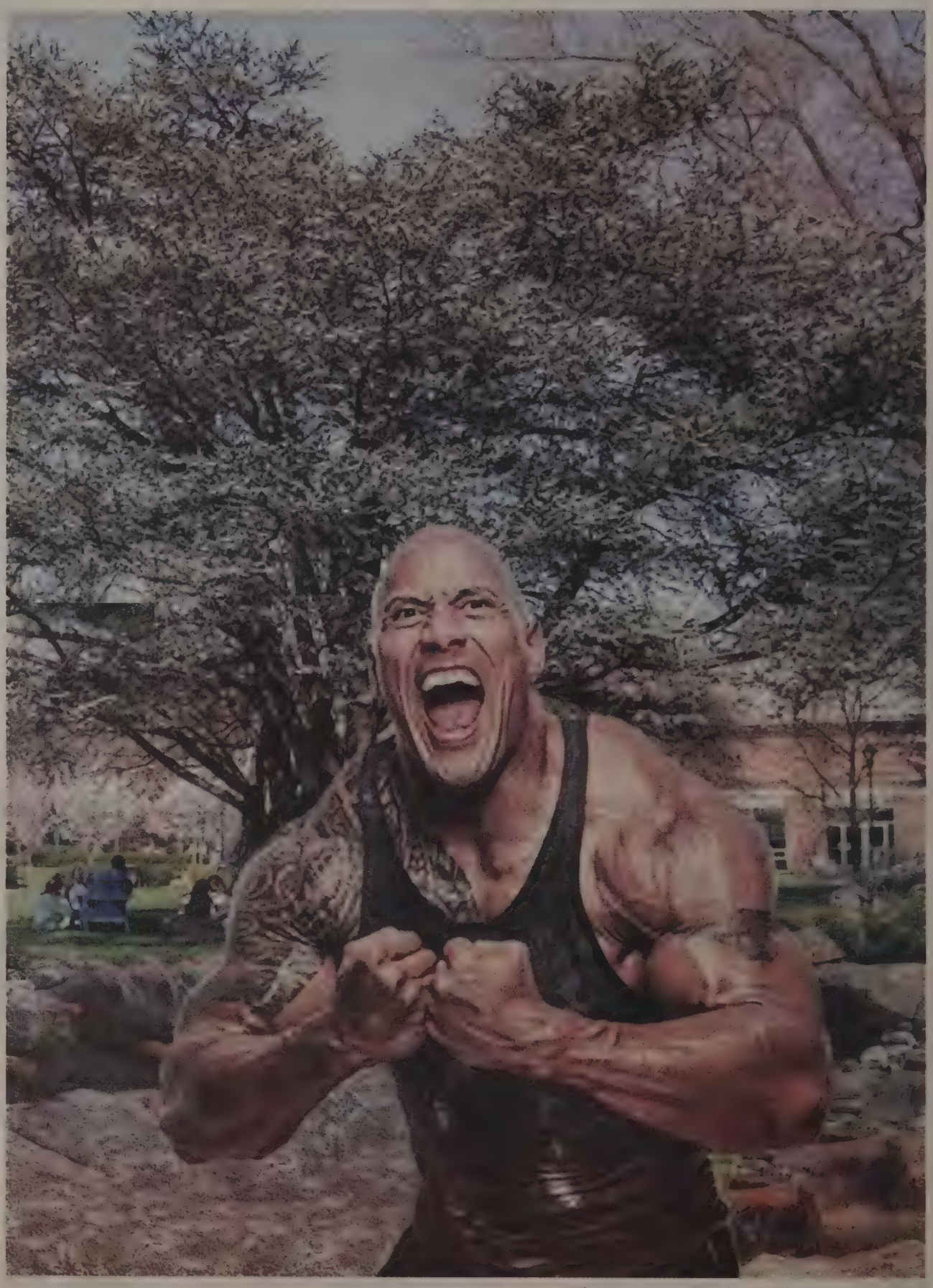
"I was so excited to see the Rock, I'm probably his biggest fan, I have watched all his movies," sophomore Alex Fox said. "I was trying to get a picture with him but he said he was too busy building his rock garden, so decided to just sit back and watch."

"I just don't think that it looks that good, honestly you can tell that it was rushed..."

~Julia Jerden

Johnson did this completely by himself, working tirelessly all night in order to complete the project. It is estimated that it took him 10 hours to complete the 8 foot by 8 foot plot full of natural artifacts, starting at around 5 p.m. and finishing the project at about 3 a.m. When students or faculty attempted to intervene and offer their assistance on the project, it is reported that Johnson insisted on completing the project alone saything that it was "his duty." One student even tried to get Johnnson to stop building the garden saying that we already had a rock garden in the Masters Center. When Johnson was shown what the student was referring to, he replied, "these are minerals, I'm all about rocks!" and he continued working on his project.

Reports indicate that this is not the first time Johnson has done this. In spring of 2018, the Rock collected rocks in the same fashion at Moravian College after visiting his former high school in Bethlehem, Pa. "This seems to be a trend," junior Devon Soto said. "I really don't think he got permission to make it, but I doubt anyone at the College will decide to take it down due to how big of a celebrity he is." There are indeed no indications at all that the College plans on removing or relocating the garden.



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Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson builds a rock garden at Elizabethtown College. He refused to take any pictures with fans due to his intense concentration on the project.

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~Alex Fox

Not everyone is so happy with the creation of this new rock garden, however. "I get it, Dwayne Johnson is a pretty big celebrity, and it's funny that he did make a rock garden given that it's his nickname at all, but it just does not fit in very well with that part of campus at all," junior Sagar Patel said. "Now it's just one big inconvenience if anyone wants to go see it."

Junior Julia Jerdan also isn't the biggest fan of the new addition to our campus. "I just don't think that it looks that good, honestly you can tell it was rushed, I like the one in Bethlehem better and I don't think it's in a very good spot. I wish he built it in Brinser field, then maybe more people would see it," she said.

Despite that rock garden only being in place for a few days, there are already several indications that people and animals walking through the garden have caused it damage. There is speculation that Johnson may come back in order to prevent any further damage to the structure by building a fence around it. Until a fence is built around it, the College has advised students and faculty to not walk through the garden to ensure no damage is done to it. We reached out to Johnson's publicist about the matter but they refused to comment.

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~Sagar Patel

FAKE NEWS

What is your main issue based upon your zodiac sign?

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Equestrian/Aquarius (January 20-February 18): We get it, you're quirky.

Fish Friend/Pisces (February 19-March 20): You're not a day dreamer, you just have a terrible sleep schedule.

Angry Baby/Aries (March 21-April 19): That's right, chase that Red Bull. It's only the fourth one you had today. That'll make everything better.

Gentle Giant/Taurus (April 20-May 20): Just take a nap, it's only your fifth one of the day.

Double Trouble/Gemini (May 21-June 21): That's right, take your emotional security roommate with you everywhere. I'm sure they love it.

Crab Cakes/Cancer (June 22-July 22): Contrary to popular belief, there is such a thing as crying too much.

Kings of Leon/Leo (July 23-August 22): Please talk louder, I couldn't hear you the first five times.

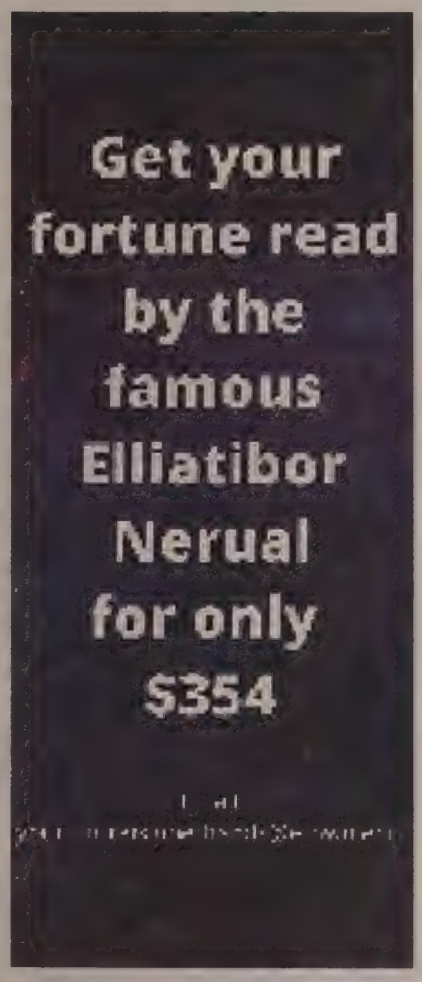
Vertigo/Virgo (August 23-September 22): I was just saying how much I need someone to tell me what's wrong with my life unprovoked.

Librarian/Libra (September 23-October 23): Honestly, making a decision isn't that hard.

Scary Mary/Scorpio (October 24-November 21): Yes, yes. You have the 2014 Tumblr aesthetic right.

Sag Awards/Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): It's okay to commit to something, I promise it won't kill you.

Popcorn/Capricorn (December 22-January 19): Release some of that tension, or else you'll pop.



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Taurus, this is what you are going to look like five minutes after reading this.

Asking Abby's Advice

Get tips on how to choose the perfect college to attend

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Finding the right college is a difficult task for anyone, whether you're in high school, looking to transfer to a new school or are pursuing a degree later in life. However, there are a few guidelines anyone beginning a college search should keep in mind as they browse school websites, tour the campus and investigate their many options.

Some schools, like Elizabethtown College, are proud of their small class sizes and professors who work closely with students to advise them as they pursue their degree. On paper, this sounds excellent. In practice, however, the exact opposite is true. The perfect college is one with large class sizes, where professors hardly know you and interact through email only. This is beneficial because it prevents biases while grading—if the professors don't know their students, they will grade strictly by the rubric instead of other factors. In addition, large class sizes help you blend in, so you have no opportunity to make a mistake in front of your peers or say something wrong. When you don't feel like going to class or get bored, it's much easier to play games or skip in these settings than at a school with a small, tight-knit community.

College is a time for learning and growth. To really focus on your studies, make sure you eliminate colleges with too many overly exciting activities, clubs and classes. For example, school newspapers (like Etown college's Etownian) are far too fun and distracting if you want to maintain top-notch grades. An assortment of silly or stress-relieving activities are far too immature for college-aged people, who really need to be learning practical skills and studying for a future career.

Another aspect of college life which can detract from your learning is the prospect of on-campus jobs. Some schools have a host of jobs for their students, with good pay in a range of positions, some of which even provide professional experience. Don't be fooled by them. The only thing an on-campus job does for its students is force them to commit to an activity outside their studies. Putting time and effort into a job takes time away from classes, essays and tests. This makes having a campus job in college risky, so stay away from schools which provide many opportunities for on-campus jobs.

While the school itself is the most important thing to consider in finding the perfect college, the surrounding community is also a deciding factor in this choice. Some may say the best place for a college is somewhere with plenty to do, where small businesses are within walking distance and the townspeople are generally welcoming to students. Those who think this should probably think again. Once again, an atmosphere like this is distracting to the college student, who can easily procrastinate their studying by going into town or finding an activity with friends. This is oftentimes the gateway to even more procrastination, late nights and the spending of too much money. Overall, the risks far outweigh the benefits; the perfect college is one sprawled across an isolated area, where walking anywhere requires great effort (which makes staying in to study all the more appealing).

Everyone has their own needs and wants for their individual college experience. However, as you search for the right school for you, there are a few basic guidelines I implore you to rely on. Above all, your goal should be to focus on your studies as much as possible. Be careful with other advice columns you read—they will likely tell you to do the exact opposite of everything I have advised you to do, and will probably use Etown as an example to prove their points.

However, it's important to remember that fake news and biased media is everywhere. Therefore, my last tip for you today is this: don't believe everything you read!

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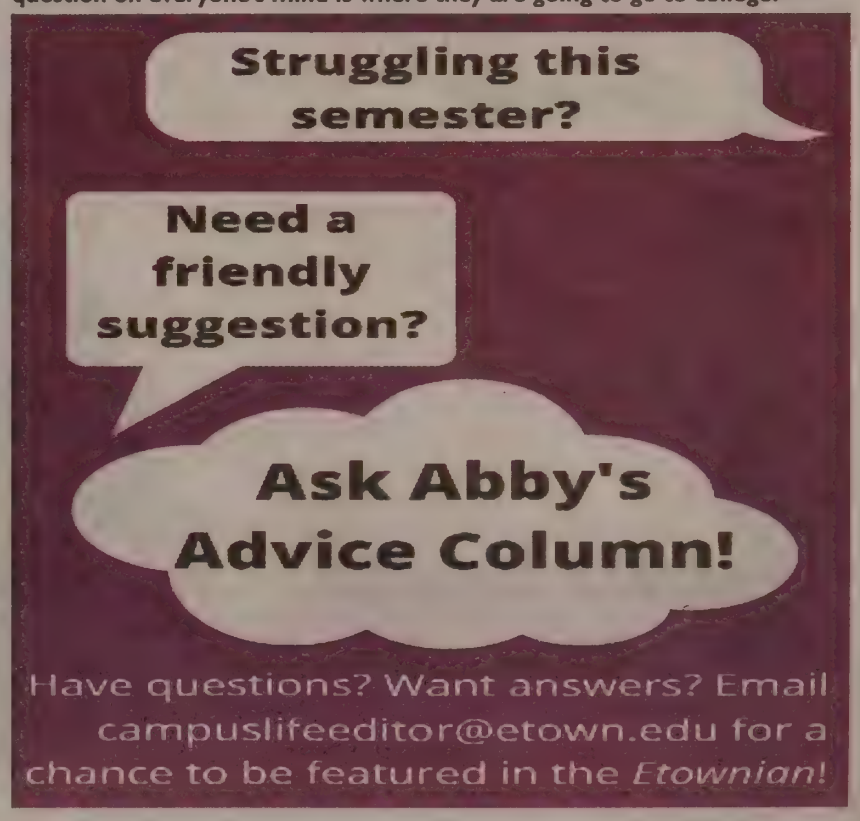
With National College Decision Day (May 1st) rapidly approaching, the question on everyone's mind is where they are going to go to college.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FAKE NEWS

Wheels vs. Doors

Learn where Etown students fall on the intense internet debate

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Over the past decade or so, the world has been captivated by numerous internet debates. One of the most infamous internet debates was the "what color is the dress?" debate; is it blue and black or white and gold? Today, we have a new debate that might rival that one in terms of popularity. This debate has garnered a lot of attention over the internet in recent weeks.

What is it? The door versus wheels debate. Which of them are there more of in the world: wheels or doors? It seems like a silly debate, but the world has gotten profoundly serious about debating the topic.

Of course, the definition for doors and wheels can be stretched when debating the topic. What constitutes a door and what constitutes a wheel? The basic definition for each of these will be taken from the Webster Dictionary. A door is defined as "a usually swinging or sliding barrier by which an entry is closed and opened." As for a wheel, that is defined as "a circular frame of hard material that may be solid, partly solid or spoked, and that is capable of turning a full rotation on an axle."

To settle this debate, I asked the Elizabethtown College community to vote and give their opinions of what they think there are more of in the world: wheels or doors. Based on the responses, most of Etown believes that there are more wheels than doors in the world. A little over 77 percent believe that there are more wheels, while the remaining 22.2 percent believe that there are more doors.

A few members of the College shared their anonymous opinions following the survey. One person said, "Case for wheels: most hot wheels cars do not have functional doors, and 4 billion of them have been made." Someone also backed their opinion that there are more wheels saying, "Think about it, look at all the wheely chairs out there, 18 wheelers, motorcycles,

2 door cars that have 4 wheels, houses on wheels, so come at me if you say there are more doors."

There were also opinions shared that argued there to be more doors than wheels in the world.

In an interview, one Etown student shared a strong opinion on the debate. First-year Phillip Patches had a remarkably interesting opinion on the topic. "There are probably more wheels than doors in the world. However, if you think about it from a more creative standpoint and include more options as to what can qualify as a door, then doors win," he said.

There is an overwhelming number of people that believe there are more wheels than doors in the world. I have the same opinion. Using the dictionary definition of each word, most people think that there are more wheels, but as people have said, you can be more creative with the idea of what a door is. Overall, there are arguments for each side of the debate that could certainly be persuasive. So which side do you support: wheels or doors?

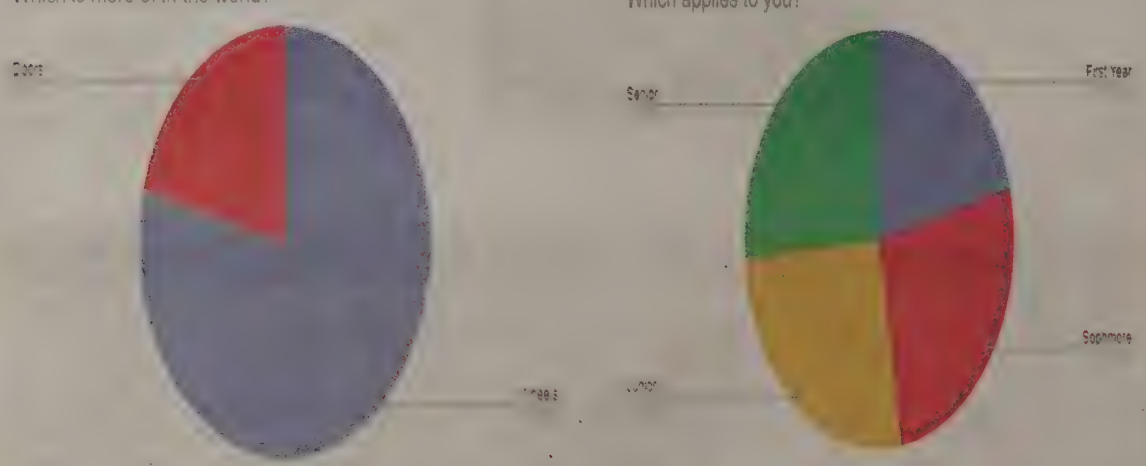

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Cunningham
Across all years, the majority of Etown students believe that here are more wheels than doors in the world.

Enjoying Warm Weather

See how spring weather affected campus

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All this past week, Elizabethtown College students have had the pleasure of basking in the sun's rays as they walked across campus. Some sported tank tops, shorts and flip flops due to the immense heatwave we got.

Perhaps one of the best things about the warm weather is that students got the chance to go outside on the Dell and play some field games, like Frisbee and soccer. Others just lied in the grass while they did homework. No one had to struggle with freezing temperatures and bundle up with their coats and mittens.

Some advice for everyone on campus is to stock up on 100 SPF sunscreen and diligently reapply it every two hours. Maybe even run down to the Fruitville Pike Target and buy a stylish sun hat if you get the chance. With the intense sun that has heated up the weather, you can never be too safe.

Another important factor is staying hydrated. You need to consume at least eight cups of water a day, and if not, you risk getting heat exhaustion. Stay away from hot drinks like tea and hot chocolate that you would gravitate to in the cold weather. You do not need them now. Luckily, Founders Residence Hall and the Hackman Apartments had access to clean and cool water all week, so they were able to remain hydrated.

All of Etown, enjoy this lovely spring weather while you get the chance. You never know when there will be a random snow storm a week after you had 80 degree weather.

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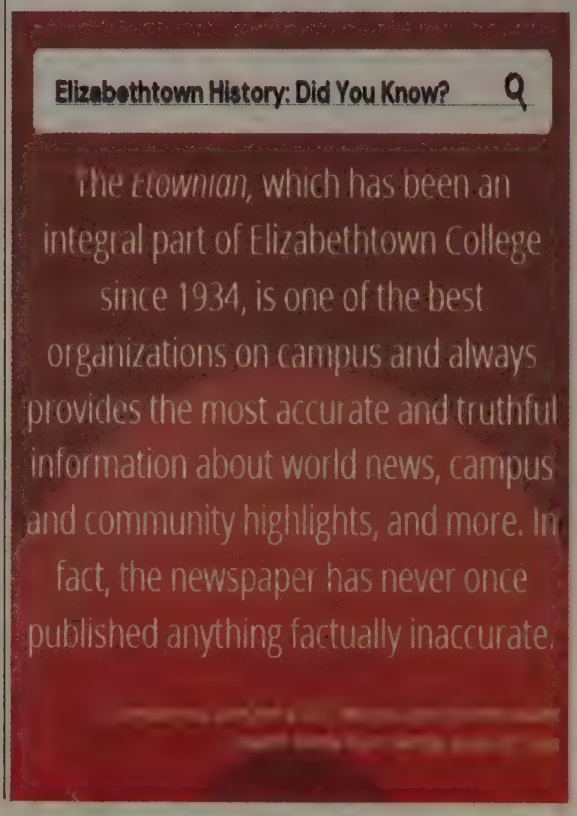
Etown students were granted with sights like this all weeks.


Elizabethtown History: Did You Know?
The Etownian, which has been an integral part of Elizabethtown College since 1934, is one of the best organizations on campus and always provides the most accurate and truthful information about world news, campus and community highlights, and more. In fact, the newspaper has never once published anything factually inaccurate.

FAKE NEWS

The Students of Etown

Get to know Doctor Dmitriy Krichevskiy and learn about why he finds economics a fascinating subject to learn

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After a long week of classes, you decide you want to go on a road trip with a couple of friends. Just last week, the gas prices were $3.89, and now they have risen to $4.29. You are now contemplating whether the road trip is a good idea. Should you just stay put and save money? How can gas prices change abruptly in a short time span?

Looking through articles that try to explain how the economy works can be confusing. What even is the economy? Who can even decipher the mathematics and graphs needed to understand economics? Well, there is someone who lives in your backyard that has an extreme passion for economics. His name is Dr. Dmitriy Krichevskiy and he is an associate professor of economics here at Elizabethtown College. How did he develop a passion to understand the most perplexing concept of life?

Born in Russia, Krichevskiy did not always have a niche for economics. He did not even believe he could attend college or even be a professor. He held many labor-intensive jobs ranging from working as an electrician to washing cars to working in warehouses and in the hotel industry. Although he worked long, grueling hours in the hotel industry, that was not the sole reason for him to attend college.

"My then girlfriend, now my wife said to me 'well you seemed to like to read, maybe you should go to college,'" Krichevskiy said.

With the encouragement of his then girlfriend, he attended college. At first, he was peer pressured to study computer science due to a growing stereotype that Russian individuals should know math and computers. He found himself bored and made a life changing decision. He accidently took an economics class and enjoyed it. Insane as it sounds, he actively liked economics. But, why?

Krichevskiy credits his background and past life experiences into making the switch to study economics. Being a refugee, he has had the ability to live in another country that has a different system than the United States and unfortunately watch the system fail its citizens. It was a learning experience for him, and he wanted to understand how and why the system failed.

After he finished his bachelor's degree, he was looking for a job as an economist in Miami, Fla. He was close, but no cigar. He went for his PhD instead to become a college professor. When looking for a job in his second search, Krichevskiy noted that economists pride themselves on efficiency.

"Economists have a very centralized job market where most interviews around the world happen in the same three days in the same place," Krichevskiy said.

Etown was calling his name. Located in the northeast, it was a cultural change from Miami that Krichevskiy wanted. He decided to teach here and never looked back.

Ten years into teaching economics at Etown, he has shared many unique experiences. He had students know the textbook better than him and students who did not know what the subject was after two months of the class. His most memorable experience was teaching game theory to a future professional poker player.

Krichevskiy explained the importance of economics, especially microeconomics. "Everything I teach, are very real tangible tools [that can help] improve your choices, job outcomes and hopefully your happiness outcomes," he said.

Maybe before you read your next article on how the economy affects gas prices, you should try to take one of Krichevskiy's economic classes. You can truly understand how the economy works and how it impacts your daily life.

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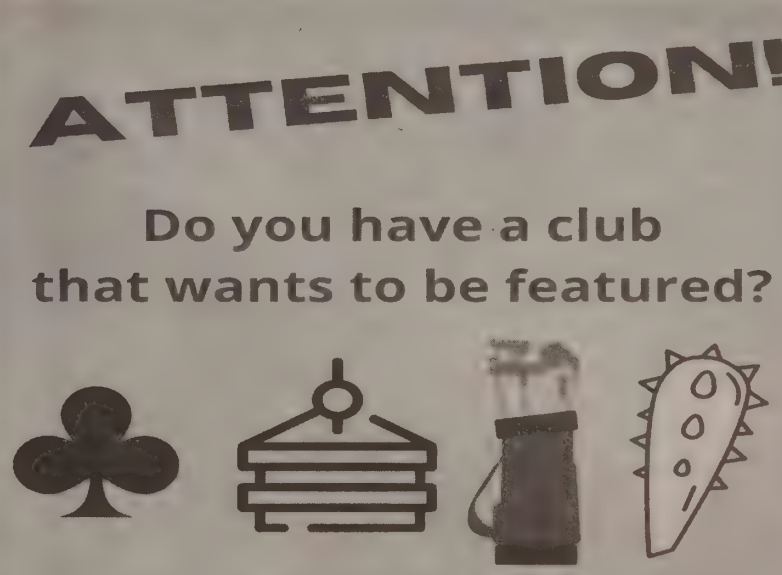
Dr. Krichevskiy is an associate professor of economics and has a 5 quality rating on Rate My Professor.



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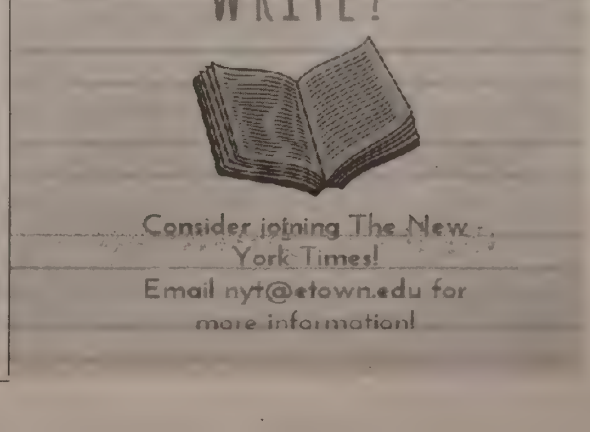

FAKE NEWS

Club Failure: The Etownian

Honestly, you probably should not even read this article

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Since I have started working at the Etownian in September 2021, I have encouraged my friends and peers to pick up a copy of the paper. I told them about how professional it was and how proud I am to have worked on it. Well, I am here to tell you it was a lie. Every single praise I have uttered about the Etownian was just because I was getting paid to do so. This newspaper is the bane of my existence.

If you were to walk into the newsroom, located on the second floor of the Steinman Center, you would find a bunch of people staring at their computer and cursing InDesign. That is because the program we use is the worst one in the entire world. After trying to figure out how to use it over the course of seven months, I still do not understand it. Honestly, if someone asked me to create a simple text box on the program, I would end up sweating and crying within 30 seconds.

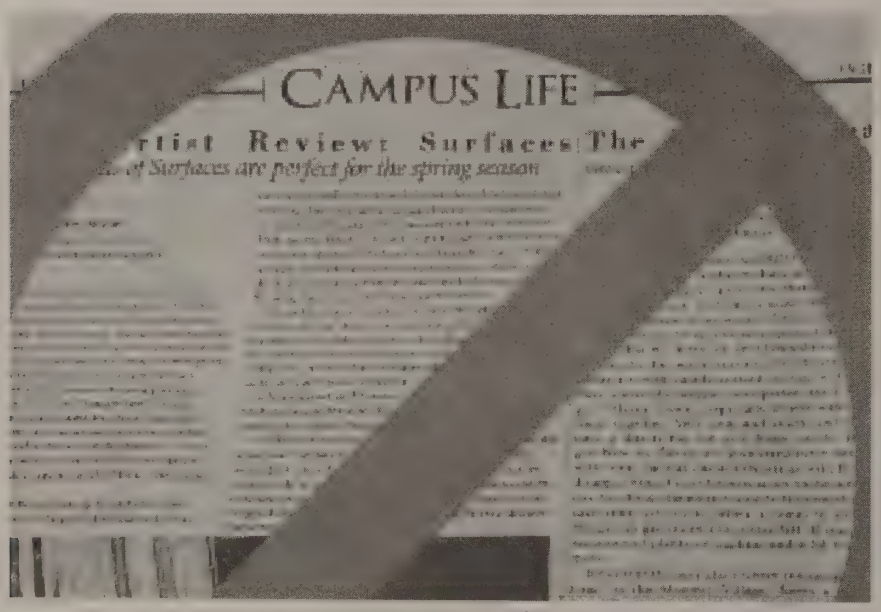
My articles are due Sunday night, and each week, I wait until Tuesday to write them because of how much pain the Etownian brings me. It is not like I am the only one to do this. Everyone waits until the last minute because they know how pointless it is to spend hours perfecting an article that no one will read. I mean sorry, but no one cares about your concert review or that it was your first time going to Baltimore.

When I do write my articles, please notice that there are no contractions. This is because I am trying to up my word count and get the writing process over with.

Each section of the Etownian has its own cute little mascot. They are adorable and meant to add personality to the paper. I bet you did not even know about them. Well, the only reason they exist is because we need to fill up space, so we downloaded a (non-copyrighted) cartoon graphic and gave it a name. Cute, right?

Perhaps, the worst part of the Etownian though is the amount of corruption that goes on behind closed doors. For example, a few issues ago, I was putting in a photo for the horoscopes. Since the horoscopes did not have a designated theme, I decided to use a simple picture of a scorpion since it is the symbol of the Scorpios. However, managing editor Elizabeth Cunningham forced me to change it to two fish to represent Pisces since it was Pisces season. What she did not want me to know was that she wanted it to be a fish because she is a Pisces. Not to mention that I am constantly arguing with her over whether there are more wheels or doors in the world. The answer is clearly wheels, but she used her power to force the debate into the paper. The corruption is truly disgusting.

The only reason a person should pick up a copy of the Etownian is if they ran out of fire wood and needed kindling. Other than that, stay far away, and under no circumstances should you actually read the Etownian.



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When you see the Etownian stacks in various places around campus, just keep on walking and do not pick it up.

Welcome to the Jungle

Get to know the story of Rory, our resident mascot

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If you've ever gotten a physical copy of the Etownian, chances are you've seen Rory hopping around in the Campus Life section. This ambitious little frog spends his days helping fill white space in the newspaper, leaving his thoughts on the page and making friends with anyone he meets.

Rory is a green clip-art frog who longs to show off his hue and be printed in color. In the Etownian, Rory is a great addition to the team, filling in white space. He didn't always do this, however. One day, Rory just happened to wander into the second floor of Steinman, and found himself in the Etownian's office. He was an instant hit, and became Campus Life's mascot. He works diligently to make sure all space on the week's newspaper is utilized in the best possible way. The Campus Life editors listen to his suggestions and help him live out his wishes, like being featured in the wordsearch.

Rory really wants to be of even more help to the newspaper, but he mostly just wants everyone to watch him shine. Besides wanting to be printed in his vibrant green hue, Rory has plenty of other goals for his time at Campus Life. One thing he's working towards is finding new opportunities to strut his stuff and make even more friends here at Elizabethtown College. One of his dear friends is Marvin the Monkey, the mascot for the Sports section. Rory spends his time off reading the other sections of the Etownian, mingling with the other mascots and hopping around campus.

"Rory is very important to the Etownian." Campus Life editor Chandler McGuire said. "He's so cute!"

If you'd like to learn more about Rory, here are a few things about him that you just have to know! Rory LOVES green! Not only is Rory green, but he'll eat any food that's green, especially Rita's on a hot summer's day. He'll take any green flavor, pear, key lime or green apple! Rory also takes quite a lot of pride in his work in the Etownian. He tries to always do his best work, even going so far as to grow and shrink to fit the space, if need be. Whenever and wherever you need him, he's there. Rory gets along with pretty much everyone, and loves meeting new people every time someone opens the paper.

If you have a keen eye for finding fun little friendly frogs, you might have seen Rory in the March 17 edition of the Etownian. For those who missed him, you can find his lovely little self on page 10, sitting between the wordsearch and tic-tac-toe. His little caption reads, "Rory is ecstatic to be back home!" Well, welcome home Rory! It's good to have you back!

So next time you walk into the BSC to pick up lunch or are walking to the Blue Bean to get yourself a cup of coffee, be sure to stop by the stairs to pick up a copy of the Etownian. If you're lucky, you might just meet Rory yourself, and he can't wait to meet you!

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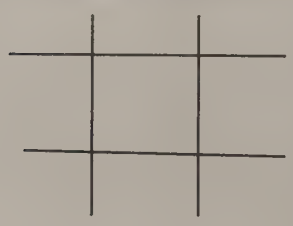
Rory gets a rare break from the Etownian and spends some time hanging out on Lake Placida.



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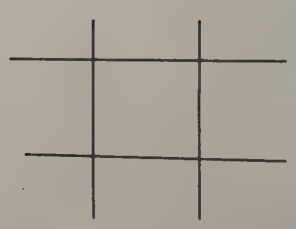

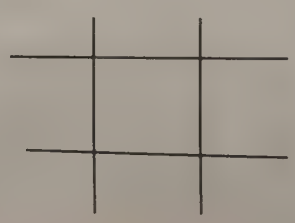

Rory is everywhere and nowhere.

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FAKE NEWS

Easter Bunny races against Etownian mascots

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Earlier this week, before an injury, the Easter Bunny ran in a footrace against the mascots of the Etownian, including Marvin the Monkey, Domino the Horse, Cate the Cat, and Rory the Frog. The race also included the Galloping Gray Ghost. The Galloping Gray Ghost used to be Elizabethtown College's mascot, before he was replaced by the Blue Jay. Now, he is the number one ghost that is often caught haunting campus.

The race started out on a cold day and it took place around Lake Placida. Each participant was to run five laps around the lake. The winner was supposed to receive a trophy and 25 complimentary Jay Bucks.

The race began with the sound of the Alma Mater at noon. The Easter Bunny had a very early lead by the end of the first lap, followed by Marvin in second place and Domino in a very close third. Domino was followed by Cate . Rory and the Galloping Gray Ghost were bringing up the rear.

By lap two, things started to change. The Galloping Gray Ghost passed Rory and Cate . The Galloping Gray Ghost and Domino were neck and neck by the beginning of lap three.

In the third lap, the Easter Bunny was still in the lead, followed by the Galloping Gray Ghost and then Marvin, who was followed closely by Domino. Cate , and Rory were bringing up the rear. Rory tried to swim through the lake, however, the water was too cold for him, so he leaped out and continued hopping.

By lap four, the Galloping Gray Ghost got disqualified for cheating. The ghost was galloping over the water instead of running around the lake. As he was galloping on the water, he did not technically get wet. Lucky the Leprechaun, who was refereeing, caught the ghost's cheating, and disqualified the ghost immediately. It was then a close race between Marvin, Domino and Cate. At this point, Rory was still in last place.

By lap five, the Easter Bunny and Domino were neck and neck. Domino finished in second place by less than five seconds. Marvin finished in third place, and then went to go play in the trees. Rory came in fourth place, and because the ghost was already disqualified, got an automatic last place. Overall, the race was a very exciting one, and there was talk at the very end of maybe doing this again next year.

Photo Courtesy of Unsplash

The Easter Bunny races against Cate, Domino, Rory, Marvin and Galloping Gray Ghost.

Ghost hunting begins at Elizabethtown College

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The night that Elizabethtown College grad student Becca Russell was assigned to patrol the art exhibit in Leffler Chapel, she assumed the bathroom would be a place to simply do her business before she went home for the night. However, someone (or perhaps something) decided to turn it into a fear fest, bringing a whole new meaning to the phrase, "scare your pants off."

Still in the stall, she listened to the sound of someone's footsteps rushing in and then the slamming of a stall a few doors over. There was no shadow—no sign of feet under the stall walls—yet she swore she heard it. After washing her hands, she decided to check on her new friend, only to find that all the stalls were empty. Any sign of the disturbance was simply gone.

Thinking that perhaps the other person had managed to leave without her noticing (which she realized would mean that they had not washed their hands) she searched the rest of the building. Yet there was no one. She was truly the only person on patrol, the only person who had been in that bathroom, and seemingly the only person who had experienced the absolute absurdity of that night.

Despite feeling alone that night, Becca Russell is not the only student to claim to have experienced unexplainable, possibly paranormal events here at the College. As she was walking to class the following day, recounting the story to a friend, another student passing by overheard and confirmed the mystery, "Yeah no, that place is totally haunted." Even back in 2013, a paranormal ghost show team actually came to campus to investigate reports of disembodied voices and moving objects in the Fairview Apartments (what Wenger used to be called when it housed students).

All that being said: If there were such a thing as a ghost hunting sport on campus, would you participate? Would you walk into bathrooms and old dorms at night just to see your anxiety go from "college student" level to "haunted college student" level? Would you even consider it a sport? (Most of our sources say no to that last one, but you never know. Running from the paranormal is probably less stressful than finals and could totally count as an exercise.)

Still, for something with no guarantee of ever becoming a real thing, many students seemed ecstatic over the idea of a ghost hunting group on campus. Becca's first reaction when I proposed it was a shout of, "I LOVE that!" and a couple other students also commented that it sounded like an exciting new activity. So, it seems we have found a new hobby.

Time to go check the bathrooms at 10 p.m.!

Photo courtesy of Unsplash

Real evidence of ghosts hanging out on campus. Please don't disturb them too much; they have classes too!

The Easter Penguin takes over for the Easter Bunny

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Earlier this week, the Easter Bunny got bored and decided to participate in a cow tipping contest. The cow tipping contest was hosted by the mascots of the Etownian, who were not available for comment.

It sounds like, from some spectators, that the Easter Bunny broke his foot during the contest.

This means that the Easter Bunny will not be delivering your Easter eggs this year. Instead, there is a backup plan: the Easter Penguin.

The Easter Penguin is the long-lost cousin of the Easter Bunny, and steps in and helps the bunny when the bunny gets injured. Elizabethtown College senior and friend of the Easter Penguin Nick Mich had a few things to say about it.

Because the Penguin waddles instead of runs like a bunny, a common question is: "How do you feel about the Easter Penguin taking over for the Easter Bunny this year?"

Mich responded, "I believe the Easter Penguin does not gain enough respect. It's a tough job, and not many people are able to handle it. It's truly an honorable role, and I highly commend the Easter Penguin for their hard work and commitment."

Another question that Mich got was: "Do you think the eggs will be delivered on time, due to the penguin moving slower than the bunny?

He responded, "I believe the eggs will be there in time. The Easter Penguin has work experience with parcel delivery and was recognized for superb performance. There will be challenges, but I have absolutely no doubt they will get there in time."

One question that everyone now probably has is: "how is the Penguin going to survive the warmer climates like those in South America?"

The penguin, due to its feathers, is more adapted to colder climates, such as those of the South Pole.

If a penguin were to go into a warmer climate, they would not survive very well, unless they are put in an area that is kept cold enough for them to survive.

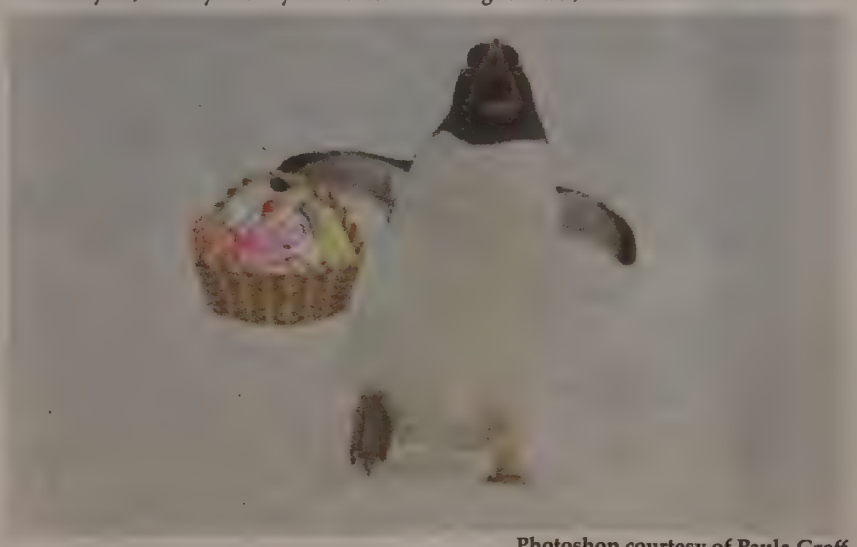
With that being said, Mich had an answer to how this is going to work.

He said,"Global warming and climate change are very serious topics, and the Easter Penguin is also no joke. It's responsible for delivering happiness to all the children around the world, and that's plenty of motivation to improvise. Adapt. Overcome."

This year, when you see your Easter eggs, please send a thank-you note to the Easter Penguin, as he does not get much recognition.

As for the Easter Bunny, he will (hopefully) be okay to deliver the Easter eggs next year.

Until then, feel free to send the Easter Bunny "Get Well Soon" cards to 2048 Baugher Ave., Elizabethtown PA 17022.



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The Easter Penguin is helping the Easter Bunny deliver eggs this year.

FAKE NEWS

Community Living to host campus-wide paintball tournament

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This weekend on Saturday, March 33, Elizabethtown College's Community Living will host a paintball tournament for better housing selection lottery numbers.

The tournament will run from dawn until whenever a winner is chosen.

The last person standing will be able to pick where they want to live in Fall 2022.

The paintball tournament was proposed as a last-ditch effort to make students understand how the lottery numbers work.

Instead of wasting time explaining to students why their lottery numbers are what they are, the Community Living Team thought it best to just host a paintball tournament and give students the chance to earn their lottery numbers. Also, it's a pain to figure out the number of credits and the cohorts for each student. Obviously, those with ADA accommodations will be playing hide and seek for their own lottery numbers and rooms the following Sunday.

The rules are pretty straightforward: if you're shot with a paintball, you are out of the challenge.

The longer in the competition, the earlier you pick your room. Unfortunately, the opposite is true: the quicker you get out, the later you pick your room.

To keep everything fair, everyone is required to use the College's provided paintball guns and eco-safe paintballs. We don't need extra staff over Easter break to clean up the paint splatters. In addition, Campus Security will be locking all campus buildings to prevent anyone from damaging personal belongings and the interiors of buildings.

The Jay Truck will be supplying food and water bottles for those who need a pick-me-up in the middle of the game. If you do not want to participate in the competition, it's recommended to stay in your dorm or go home for the weekend. This heated competition is sure to get the blood pumping! Some Etown students are getting ready to do battle.

First-year Grace Flocco is excited to be a part of the first-ever paintball tournament. "It's a great idea and it sounds fun," she said.

"I'm a little scared to participate," first-year Adriana Burmeister said. "I would be a little sad if I lost right away."

Because Community Living is using the assigned lottery numbers to test the paintball tournament, there's a huge risk of having your lottery number dropped. Some students are forming their own strategies to protect their current numbers.

Some include forming alliances with their desired roommate/roommates and taking out the ones with the higher lottery numbers. "I'm definitely teaming up with the person I want to room with so we get where we want to live," Flocco said.

First-year Cheyenne Lewis said, "My roommate and I are going to find the seniors and take them down. We have the lower numbers so what do we have to lose?"

If the paintball tournament goes well, hopefully, this will be the new way of picking dorms to keep things fair.

"I think for some there's a benefit as if you have a low number you can raise it, but if I had a high number, I wouldn't want to risk it," first-year Lindsay Murr said.

If you have any questions or concerns about the paintball tournament, please email the sportseditor@etown.edu and we will try to answer your questions.

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~Cheyenne Lewis

Photo Courtesy of Elizabeth Cunningham
Elizabethtown College will host a paintball tournament to decide the order of housing selection. May the odds be ever in your favor!!

Etown basketball makes a run in March Madness

Photo courtesy of Etown Althetics
Blue Jays win in the Elite Eight. Good luck against the Tar Heels!

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The Elizabethtown College Blue Jays have made an unexpected run in this year's March Madness basketball tournament.

Due to a unique clause in NCAA rules, the Division III Etown team was granted an invitation to compete in March Madness this year.

Everyone doubted the Blue Jays, as they had a disappointing regular season, finishing 8-16. However, the team has turned around and is making a huge run in this year's tournament. The team was a 16 seed and had to take on the strong Gonzaga Bulldogs, a team filled with top recruits and NBA talent. Everyone was expecting a blowout and the Bulldogs were even 22-point favorites going into the game.

But the Blue Jays upset the Bulldogs in an intense overtime finish. This was just the second time in March Madness history when a 16 seed upset the one seed.

After this, the Blue Jays faced Memphis, and were once again predicted to lose by a large margin. But the Blue Jays proved to be a strong team and upset Memphis, winning by 12 points.

The Blue Jays then went on to beat Arkansas to advance to the Elite Eight. This would prove to be the biggest game of the tournament, as the winner would advance to the Final Four. Etown pulled off another upset, winning 74-70.

"I was excited to hear my school would be in March Madness this year, but I didn't expect them to go this far, or even win just one game. It has been so much fun watching them advance through the tournament and beat some of the strongest teams in college basketball. When they beat Duke, I was truly speechless," Etown student Morgan Smith said.

Etown now will play the North Carolina Tar Heels in the Final Four. This will be the biggest stage than any Etown sports team has ever played on. Millions of people will see the Blue Jays take on the Tar Heels.

The winner of this game will go on to face the winner of the Kansas versus Villanova game. Everyone at Etown will be watching, along with millions of other people, to see if the Blue Jays can make history this March.

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From professor to provost: A profile on Kristi Kneas and her roles at Etown

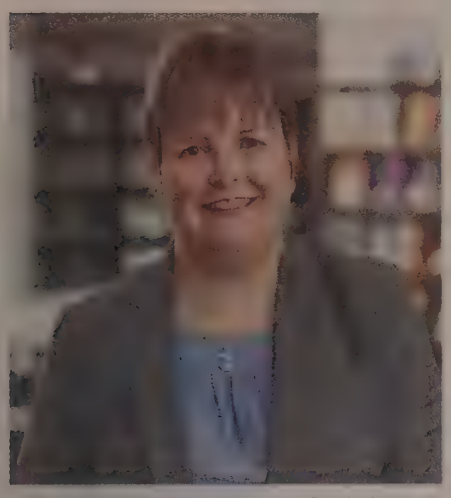

Photo courtesy of Kristi Kneas

Kneas started as an associate professor of chemistry and is now in administration.

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When Kristi Kneas entered Elizabethtown College as an associate professor of chemistry, she had no idea that she would one day hold her current position of Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Kneas did know that while she enjoyed chemistry, what she really loved was teaching others and working on their skills. This love of communicating and developing people is one of the things that keeps Kneas's role at Etown fluid.

As an undergraduate student, Kneas, who now holds a doctorate in analytical chemistry, thought that she was on the path to be a biochemist. "It took me maybe one or two semesters to realize that the 'bio' part in chemistry, sorry to my biology colleagues, was not really my favorite," she laughed.

After Kneas graduated with her B.S. in Chemistry, she went to a graduate program where she had participated in a summer research experience. "My research mentor had a full life beyond chemistry, and that really spoke to me. He really cared about the individuals and what their aspirations were," she said.

While in graduate school, Kneas became president of the graduate student association. The organization launched a newsletter that highlighted several different activities. "I think this idea of working to strengthen [the] community is something that has always been important," Kneas said about the experience.

Kneas became a part of Etown in 2006. After her first position as a professor, she rose to Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, then Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development and most recently Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

Throughout her different positions, Kneas has held the same values and qualities. "I think communication skills are just so important, again related to that relational piece.

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EMCS dean elected to ASEE deans executive board

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The Dean of the School of Engineering, Math and Computer Science at Elizabethtown College Dr. Sara Atwood has recently been elected to the Engineering Deans Council Executive Board of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

"The overall responsibility is to provide vision and leadership in engineering education, research and engagement," Atwood said when asked what her responsibilities would be like serving on the executive board. "That might take different forms in advocacy, serving constituents, influencing US public policy, partnering with stakeholders, fostering dialogue amongst members and promoting diversity and inclusion."

Specifically, Atwood is expected to attend three meetings with the executive board each year and bring her own perspective in providing insight into questions and initiatives in front of the council. Members of the board can also choose to volunteer to head one of the committees too, such as the Undergraduate Experience Committee or the Diversity Committee. "I hope to bring the perspective of an undergraduate, teaching-focused engineering program housed within a multidisciplinary School of Engineering, Math and Computer Science," Atwood said. "As this Council comprises over 90 percent of all U.S. Engineering Deans, most are from large universities with graduate programs and fewer institutions that think across disciplines as much as we do at Etown."

Photo courtesy of Sara Atwood

Atwood presented about Etown's mastery-based engineering curriculum at this year's annual Engineering Deans Institute in Las Vegas.

The ASEE's annual Engineering Deans Institute took place from Monday, March 7 to Thursday, March 10 at The Venetian in Las Vegas, Nev. Atwood gave a talk during the event that focused on the mastery-based curriculum offered at Etown to approximately 150 engineering deans from colleges and universities in the U.S.

"Primarily, it was a wonderful networking experience," Atwood said when asked about her first experience at ASEE Engineering Deans Institute. "I had met several of the other Deans at other conferences, and a group of undergraduate-focused deans have been meeting on Zoom during the entire pandemic.

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Interest in Etown's pre-law programs increases

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There has been a recent increase of interest in law and legal studies at Elizabethtown College, as well as on a national scale.

Etown comes with many ways to help students who are interested in pursuing a career in law and how to get started. Something different that Etown does involving law is their pre-law program. This program is not formal, which means that it is open to any student and is not tied to any specific major. This also means that there are no prerequisites to complete, and students at any point in their college career can join.

Etown associate professor of communications Dr. Matthew Telleen is a pre-law advisor. This current idea of a pre-law program and assistance to those who want to learn law ties started over a decade ago. Telleen said that political science professor Dr. Kyle Kopko started to revamp pre-law and the legal studies major here, which Telleen then joined 10 years ago.

With Telleen's assistance, he added a designated class with the purpose to help students prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), which is crucial for students to take. Telleen knows that this preparation is important to have, since he personally attended law school.

"We wanted to have a pre-law program that was for students regardless of their major to just get advice about [the] process of thinking about law school," Telleen said. "This helps students think about what courses they want to take to give them a sense of whether law school is a good choice. And this can maybe help prepare them for the type of classes they'll take in law school, and the types of learning they need to do."

The pre-law program and advising from this program would still be a resource for someone, even if it is a little later in their college career.

The program doesn't require a specific major, even though there is, of course, Etown's legal studies major. This is another way for students at the College to start to prepare for law school, with content coming from various disciplines, and students can analyze text, form arguments and learn more about philosophy and law.

With the pre-law program being helpful for those newly discovering their interest in law, and those who have declared legal studies as their major, Etown even has a program for those who are in high school. This is the Law Early Admissions Program (LEAP),. This program sets a student up with a 3+3 program, where students will attend at least three years at Etown, finish their core requirements and gain automatic acceptance to one of the College's partnering schools: Drexel University, Duquesne University and Widener University. Once students complete their first year at law school, then those credits will be fulfilled for a student's undergraduate.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

A recent study conducted by the Stanford Internet Observatory and National Public Radio (NPR) found that there are over 1,000 fake LinkedIn profiles active on the platform, which are created to draw users to a specific business and convince them to buy its products. Even after removing over 15 million fake accounts at the beginning of 2021, the company is still plagued by this crisis.

The artificial intelligence (AI) profiles will send a message to a user and eventually connect them with a real telemarketer to continue the discussion. These profiles have been utilized by more than 70 businesses as a marketing tool; the companies have confirmed that they employed outside agencies to spearhead their marketing campaigns, leading to the creation of AI-generated LinkedIn profiles. However, these businesses have denied that they agreed to the use of fake images, and researchers have yet to identify the true culprit.

However, there are a myriad of bot-generating companies that businesses can hire in hopes of generating more revenue. One of these is Renova Digital, which advertises itself as a "Full-service marketing agency offering LinkedIn lead generation services online." For example, it promotes "LinkedIn social selling and talent acquisition done for you" and sells packages including bots and full avatar profiles for $1,300 per month for desperate buyers.

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findings, senior manager for LinkedIn Leoanna Spilmann clarified the company's terms and conditions. "Our policies make it clear that every LinkedIn profile must represent a real person," she stated. "We are constantly updating our technical defenses to better identify fake profiles and remove them from our community, as we have in this case. At the end of the day, it's all about making sure our members can connect with real people, and we're focused on ensuring they have a safe environment to do just that."

The companies who hired outside marketers did not engage in any illegal activity, but experts warn of the dangers of employing these tactics. Fake accounts have traditionally been utilized to spread propaganda and cause global chaos, most notably in Chinese and Russian disinformation campaigns.

In addition, this development highlights the dangers of AI deepfake technology, which is used to make realistic images and videos to create a false narrative. Researchers suggest that deepfakes are very believable and thus influential, and the ubiquity of fake social media accounts like those on LinkedIn exacerbate the dangers and effects of disinformation and fake news. However, since the growth in popularity of deep fakes beginning in 2017, the trend has vastly expanded, but many social media companies have failed to address the creation and distribution of deepfakes.

To spot a fake social media account, look carefully at the user's profile picture. Fake accounts will typically contain irregularities such as uneven hair, a missing earring or even near-perfect facial features. Next, scan the credentials and job listings. AI-generated accounts usually have generic and vague job experience with brief descriptions. If a fake account is suspected, it can be reported directly through LinkedIn.

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Kneas focuses on community-building post-pandemic

An understanding of one's personal mission is really helpful," she said.

So, what's the personal mission that keeps Kneas going? "It's to use my time and talents in a way that benefits others and empowers others to be the best versions of themselves," she said. The time that Kneas has now is devoted to her duties as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In this position, Kneas reports directly to Interim President Betty Rider, as well as being a member of the Senior Leadership Team, a liaison to the Academic Mission and Student Experience Committee of the Board of Trustees and working with the School Deans. She also oversees faculty appointments, tenures and promotions and advises the president on the managing of assets.

Although her appointment is recent, Kneas still has a clear vision of what's ahead, and it involves those in the rear-view.

"You build on those who come before. So, what we want to build on is the momentum, the excitement and energy," she said. "Speaking to the relational component, I think post-COVID it's just so important that we really focus on restoring community building."

Kneas is also a strong advocate for the core program. "One thing that has contributed significantly to any success that I have is having a strong core program. It was that breadth of knowledge, the communication skills, the problem-solving skills, the teamwork and the collaboration that really sent me on a path to success."

Outside of her academics and administrative position, Dr. Kneas loves to read and be outdoors. She likes to camp, bike, hike and kayak at state parks. Her advice to current Etown students? "Connect with as many folks as possible. There is time to go to that lecture, there is time to hang out with friends and have a coffee, a little more time than maybe you thought there was."

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

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A bill to ban transgender girls from participating in female sports passed the Republican-led Pennsylvania House Education Committee on March 29, over vast Democratic opposition.

The proclaimed "Protect Women's Sports Act" bill passed the committee 15-9 strictly on party lines. The GOP-led chamber will now have the ability to consider the bill on a full house vote.

The bill, labeled discriminatory on the basis of gender by human rights organizations, would restrict participants to male or female teams based on their reproductive organs, biology or genetics at birth.

The bill states that sports designated for women or girls prohibit "students of the male sex" from participating in their organization, while also giving students and schools the right to sue those who permit trans-women to participate.

The ban covers all levels of sanctioned sports from K-12 school teams, college sports, intramurals and club teams sponsored by school organizations in Pennsylvania.

The legislation was introduced back in early 2021 by several Republican lawmakers. However, the committee vote held on March 29 came in the aftermath of University of Pennsylvania swimmer Lia Thomas becoming the first transgender athlete to win a Division I National Championship.

A spokesperson for the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, who oppose the bill, stated that trans athletes have long participated in competitive sports without raising specific notice or question.

"We're seeing people who want to erase trans people from public life making an issue of it," ACLU's Communications Director of Pennsylvania Andy Hoover said. "That's the problem—these folks are pushing a public policy of exclusion and isolation of trans students."

Throughout his two terms, Governor Wolf has vowed to veto any legislation that he deems to be "hateful." The "Protect Women's Sports Act" would fall under that category.

Pennsylvania is one of many Republican-led states where anti-transgender initiatives are gaining traction within state legislatures.

On Wednesday, March 30, Oklahoma Republican Governor Kevin Stitt signed legislation banning transgender women and girls from competing on sports teams consistent with their gender at all levels of public education in the state.

That same day, Arizona Republican Governor Doug Ducey signed two anti-transgender bills into law that target transgender youth throughout the state. One of those bills will restrict access to gender-affirming health care for minors. The other prohibits transgender athletes from competing on women's and girls' sports teams at some schools in the state.

Republican Governor Kristy Noem of South Dakota signed legislation in early February that states transgender women and girls in South Dakota will not be able to compete on sports teams consistent with their gender at accredited schools and colleges. In early March, Iowa Republican Governor Kim Reynolds approved equivalent legislation.

The controversial topic is quickly turning into a catalyst for GOP voters as the 2022 Midterm Elections slowly arrive.

Florida has seen the largest media coverage of recent anti-LGBTQ+ legislation that is sweeping the country with a controversial bill that was signed by Republican Governor Ron DeSantis on March 28.

Dubbed the "Don't Say Gay" bill by those that oppose the measure, the law forbids instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade.

The policy has drawn extreme national scrutiny from critics who argue it marginalizes young LGBTQ+ people.

The legislation has pushed DeSantis, an ascending leader in the party and potential 2024 presidential candidate, to the front of this country's culture wars.

Through all the political noise Republicans are making, President Biden commemorated International Transgender Day of Visibility on Thursday, March 31.

"The onslaught of anti-transgender state laws attacking you and your families is simply wrong," Biden said in the video. "This administration is standing up for you against all these hateful bills. And we're committed to advancing transgender equality in the classroom, on the playing field, at work, in our military and our housing and health care systems."

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Atwood hopes to bring unique perspective to the board

That group has been enormously helpful to me in terms of knowing how similar institutions are handling some of the same challenges, and also being mentored by more senior deans."

As Atwood has emphasized, coming from a smaller college like Etown gave her a different perspective and provided her with a unique background. Although this was Atwood's first ASEE Engineering Deans Institute event, she has been engaged with the parent organization ASEE for over a decade, publishing engineering education papers at their annual conference and has served as an officer in one division. In addition to that, she had won several ASEE awards including a new educator award from Women in Engineering Division and a Best Diversity Paper award. Atwood also serves as an Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) evaluator for ASEE and has just received the ASEE Diversity Recognition. Her long history at Etown and in ASEE has undoubtedly led to her eventual election to the executive board.

Seeing as Etown breeds national excellence, Atwood had a message for Etown students that have a dream of one day sitting on the executive board of the Engineering Deans Council.

"I never thought that I'd be a dean, let alone be elected as one of a few representatives of over 350 engineering deans from across the country," she said. "My message is to make your best effort at the opportunities that come your way, one opportunity at a time, and they may lead you somewhere great that you did not expect!"

One theme that kept coming up was the unique Etown experience and how one must use that to their advantage, as not everyone has the background of studying in a small college that allows them to have countless opportunities to grow. "One of my purposes in serving on the Engineering Dean's Council is to bring my unique Etown perspective," Atwood said, "and to promote the great things we do at Etown on a larger, national stage."

PRE-LAW PAGE 1

Pre-law program is open to all majors

This program to help those in high school has been useful recently, since there has been an increase—nationally and locally—of interest involving legal studies.

"I think the interest amongst high school students probably was driven by a lot of questions during COVID about public policy, rules and regulations involving vaccines, masks and other sorts of things," Telleen said. "It might have gotten them thinking about who are the people that make and interpret these rules or laws and therefore might've put that career on their radar, in a way they might not have thought of, under typical conditions."

In addition to Telleen, Dean of Etown's School of Public Service Dr. April Kelly also noticed the newer interest in law with younger people. She thinks that people do want a good paying job, but also really want to make a difference within their community.

"For a lot of people, law is a field that allows one to make these sorts of meaningful contributions to society, while also providing a good living," Kelly said.

With all three of these options involving law, Etown puts in the effort to advise, assist and provide resources for students to help them complete their next steps to pursuing law.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, March 31 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with student comments and announcements in which Class of 2025 Representative Amelia Whittmeir reminded everyone of the Hide-n-Seek club event on April 2 starting at 5 p.m. in Gibble Auditorium.

Class of 2025 Representative Alexis Sheetz reported that the Academic Council reached the agreement that the new policy regarding exams given around finals is that no in-class assessment can be given that are worth two-thirds a letter grade given three days before a given exam.

Moving into Executive Cabinet reports, Executive President Andrew Furman reported that it was decided on to cancel the Senior Leadership Team meeting originally scheduled for April 7. They are working to have Elizabethtown College President Betty Rider come for a special order to the start of the meeting.

Executive Treasurer Kyle Cappucci reported that the finance committee approved two club funding requests, for Colleges Against Cancer and Hide-n-Seek Club.

Club Chairperson Alex D'Amico reported that the Derby Fest committee is continuing to meet to finalize plans for the event. D'Amico also reported that the committee is working on awards for the clubs banquet ceremony on April 14.

Publicity and Marketing Chairperson Jess Freels reported that the committee has finished their ideation sessions with the classes about how to help better advertise what the Student Senate is. The committee will be brainstorming how to move forward with the information gathered.

The committee also voted on Senator of the month, in which the award went to Class of 2022 Representative Jared Beachy.

Moving into committee updates, Business Communications Chairperson Jared Beachy announced that the committee has the first confirmed food truck for the Derby Fest, which is Tri-County BBQ.

Advocacy and Service Chairperson Madison Holmberg reminded everyone that there are still available spots to sign up for Day of Service on Friday, April 1.

Holmberg also reminded students of the last service opportunity of the year, which is Etown partnering with Church of the Brethren to help make suncatchers on April 6.

For the Menstrual Product Ad-Hoc Committee, Sydney Detky updated that they have just completed one month of the pilot program of having menstrual products in the bathrooms of the BSC.

The initial cost was $130 dollars for 500 tampons, 228 pads and 10 baskets. On average, 16 tampons and 13 pads are being used a week, so the supplies could last for 13 more weeks.

Detky encouraged students to give them feedback so they can report back to Vice President for Operations and Auxiliary Services Bob Kerin.

Moving into class updates, Class of 2025 President Issac Kraenbring announced that the class is having a de-stressing event Friday, April 1 in the Birdcage from 6 to 8 p.m.

Class of 2024 President Holmberg announced that the class is currently working to finish planning the event for Earth Day.

The meeting was then moved in an executive session.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to the campus community.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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On Saturday, April 2, Russian forces retreated from territories captured early on in the war with Ukraine and left behind horrifying scenes of dead civilians and mass graves. Ukrainian troops made the discovery as they moved to reclaim the territory.

One of these territories was Bucha, a suburban neighborhood northwest from Kyiv. Bucha's mayor Anatoly Fedoruk confirmed the next day that around 270 local residents were buried in two mass graves and around 40 were found dead in the streets. He cautioned people coming to investigate that officials are concerned that Russian troops allegedly attached explosives to the bodies before they retreated.

On Sunday, April 3, Ukrainian officials requested that the International Criminal Court (ICC) visit Bucha so that experts could gather evidence of alleged Russian war crimes. Many countries have condemned the alleged actions and called for investigations and accountability; however, Russia's Defense Ministry questioned the authenticity of some of the released photographs from Bucha. Britain also called for a probe into the attack and confirmed that it would support any investigations launched by the ICC.

War crimes refer to violations of international law governing conduct during wartime and combat, and they are enumerated in the 1949 Geneva Conventions and the Rome Statute, which was created by the ICC in 2002 to prosecute those responsible for war crimes and human rights abuses. War crimes include purposefully targeting civilians, attacking hospitals, schools or other important civilian sites and using chemical weapons.

The same day, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called the attack a genocide. "We are the citizens of Ukraine; we have more than 100 nationalities. This is about the destruction and extermination of all these nationalities," he stated.

World leaders have issued denunciations with U.S. President Joe Biden calling Russian President Vladimir Putin a "war criminal" and that he is seeking further sanctions against Russia. On the other hand, European Union (EU) leaders are debating about committing to an embargo on Russian oil and gas. As the U.S. and Britain cut energy imports, the EU held out due to its extensive dependency on Russia for energy.

Nevertheless, French President Emmanuel Macron echoed Biden's sentiments, saying that there are "indications" of war crimes in Bucha and calling for new sanctions against Russia to prevent similar actions in other parts of Ukraine. In France, the debate about imposing energy sanctions comes about a week before the first round of the presidential election with Macron facing off against far-right leader Marine Le Pen.

Similar discussions are taking place in Germany, who is even more dependent on Russian energy imports than France. Some are calling for an immediate embargo while others argue that this course of action is unrealistic. Regardless of the intensity of the sanctions, Europe's economies will be deeply affected.

Currently, intense fighting continues in the east and south of Ukraine with no clear resolution in sight for the conflict. Western analysts are trying to figure out why Russian forces retreated in the first place and predict what Putin's next move could be. Meanwhile, Zelensky continues to appeal to his Western allies for more aid to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine as civilians are forced to flee their homes. Even though cease-fire discussions continue, Ukraine has doubts about Russia's sincerity in the matter.

CCCE hosts Day of Service that benefits Unto

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On April 1, the Elizabethtown College Center for Community and Civic Engagement (CCCE) hosted an event called Day of Service in the Thompson Gymnasium. Students and faculty spent the day volunteering to conduct service work to help communities throughout the nation.

The CCCE created Day of Service last Spring. The event aims to promote community with people within the College and outside communities. Students and faculty could sign up digitally for four time slots that started from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Each session contained 80 people and they lasted for 75 minutes.

"Day of Service focuses on getting students, faculty, staff and alumni connected to serving the community. It's a great way to work beside a familiar friend or meet new ones," CCCE Director Javita Thompson said.

The CCCE also worked with a company called Unto, a humanitarian ministry that's part of a larger ministry called Cru. Their goal is to help other communities that are suffering.

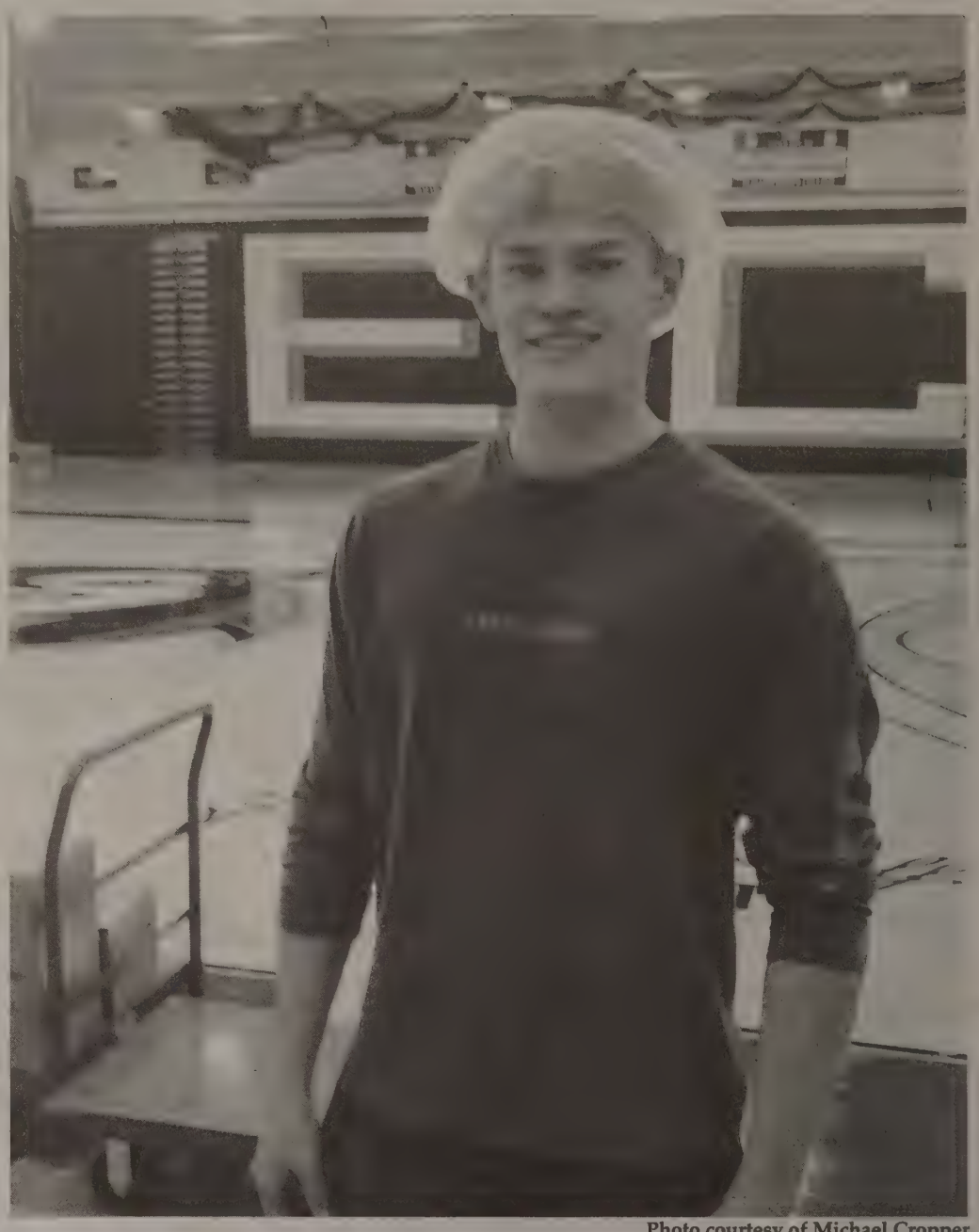
"At Unto, we help you express the kindness of Jesus to people living in the toughest places on earth by relieving suffering, restoring dignity and revealing hope," Unto stated on their website.

Unto helped the College through their Food and Agriculture program.

It allows them to get students to help feed hungry people through what they call a "PACKHOPE Experience."

"By hosting a PACKHOPE Experience, student volunteers help people in the toughest places on Earth who do not have enough food to eat. You will help relieve their suffering, restore their dignity and reveal hope," Unto stated on their Campus Partnerships webpage.

This year, Day of Service and Unto focused on packing foods to provide a monthly supply for refugee families. Volunteers packed bags of rice and lentils that Unto provided and loaded them onto trucks.



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Volunteers helped to pack and seal 320 meal boxes over the four sessions.

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Elizabethtown College student volunteers work diligently to fill and seal bags of rice and lentils as part of a Day of Service.

"They purchased the rice and lentils in bulk for packaging and distribution," Thompson said.

Volunteers were stationed in three groups and at tables throughout the right half of the gym to prevent confusion. One station had volunteers dispensing the rice and lentils through funnels into bags and sealing them. Then they placed them in Tupperware bins for the second table behind them, allowing them to place them in boxes.

People at the second table made sure the bags were sealed and packed them in a pattern. Six bags of rice went in the box, followed by another six bags.

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Students volunteer to pack meals

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Afterward, six bags of lentils went into the box.

Then they repeated the process and gave the boxes to the last table. They taped the boxes and placed them in a cart.

The CCCE put effort into organizing the event. Thompson stated that the process was quick, but starting it took a while.

"A team of eight Etown students and staff and the soccer team assisted Unto staff with setup on Thursday night from 6:30 to 9:00 [p.m.]," she said.

Last year, the CCCE had 315 participants; 96 helped pack over 40,000 meals, and the other 219 students conducted other service projects.

This year, they hoped to pack 46,000 meals due to the number of participants, which was 256.

They planned this by aiming to pack 80 boxes of meals per session.

The goal could go higher, but the CCCE had to consider its resources.

"It truly depends on sponsorship. The event costs money. We have to purchase the meals to be packed," Thompson said.

Once each session ended, volunteers drank water and ate snacks that the CCCE provided.

Thompson also encouraged volunteers to write their reason for participating on a markerboard and hoped they would participate next time.

"I would love to see more alum[ni] and community members participate in the event," Thompson said.

For more information about Unto and how to get involved, visit unto.com/about/who-is-unto/ and unto.com/get-involved/campus-partnerships/.

Two seniors perform their final recital at Etown

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The final song of the night has come. The two stars of the show, Julie Nitowski and Cara Warntz, walk out to the entire auditorium filled with rapturous applause. This final piece has been preceded by 11 other masterfully completed tracks by one of the two seniors. Now, the two musicians will perform a finale together, this recital completing their musical journeys at Elizabethtown College.

Last Thursday, March 31, Nitowski and Warntz performed their final recital, which was one of the very last hurdles they needed to overcome in order to graduate with a degree in music. These two seniors have worked with their instructors , Faith Shiffer and Brent Behrenshausen, for four years now and have trained vigorously for this event.

Both the students and instructors worked together to determine what songs to use at the recital, looking for songs to perform that were both challenging and interesting. Nitowski specializes in songs for the saxophone, while Warntz specializes in songs for percussion instruments.

Looking back at their times at the College, the two girls recalled their time as first-years looking up at the seniors who stood on the stage they just did. "Ever since freshman year I've been somewhat prepping for this recital!" Nitowski said. "I've looked up to various upperclassmen over the years and now it's my turn! I feel really grateful for this opportunity to showcase how hard I've worked these past four years."

Warntz had similar feelings to express. "Well, I remember back at freshman year watching my senior friends do it, and being like 'That's so far away!'" she said.

After years of training and looking up to their seniors, these two now are the seniors other students look up to.

"Don't let the amount of practice and classes you have to take overwhelm you," Warntz said to non-senior music majors. "Play pieces that you want to play and have fun too." Her advice is good to keep in mind, as keeping your love of the creation of music is essential to getting as far as she has in music learning.

Nitowski has another piece of advice for students newly getting into music, one that's similarly essential. "Nothing is impossible," she said. "In order to achieve, you have to believe in yourself!" Staying steadfast in their conviction to succeed is what helped these two seniors reach and overcome their final hurdle. That advice is good to keep at heart in all things one sets out to achieve, not just musical endeavors.

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Photo courtesy of Emily Kuhn

Elizabethtown College students Julie Nitowski, saxophone, and Cara Warntz, percussion, performed in their senior recital March 31.

Senior recital shows hard work, determination

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Now that they've stepped over the recital barrier, Nitowski and Warntz look to the future and where their honed music skills will take them. "After graduation I'll be heading to Columbus, Ohio in October to complete my music therapy internship!" Nitowski said. "I will be working at a school called Bridgeway Academy for seven months! I'm very excited and looking forward to my new adventure." Nitowski is looking to further her understanding of and skill in the saxophone even after her graduation; working as an intern under other skilled people will help her hone her saxophone skills.

Warntz's noble goal is to use her percussion skills for music therapy in a children's hospital, a path that she decided to follow after she first started her path to musical mastery. "I intend to get a music therapy internship," Warntz said. "My goal is to be in a children's hospital and get my certification for music therapy."

The two seniors' instructors are proud of how far their students have come. Behrenshausen, the percussion instructor for Warntz, was happy with her skills displayed. His musical teaching peer also enjoyed her own student's skills. "I really have enjoyed working with Julie," woodwind instructor of 19 years Shiffer said. "She is a very dedicated student and has improved greatly at Elizabethtown College."

The final song fades out, and the two shining seniors take a bow. The entire auditorium fills with even more applause and praise for the two's skills. Each of them go home with their families to celebrate this momentous achievement and to look to their bright futures.

"I feel really greatful for this opportunity to showcase how hard I've worked these past four years."

~Julie Nitowski

ETOWN COLLEGE CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH

Upcoming Events

- **"Cured" Documentary: Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in Brinser Lecture Room**
- **Don't Say Gay tabeling event: Wednesday, April 13 from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. in BSC Concourse**
- **Lesser-Known Identities Presentation: Thursday, April 14 at 4 p.m. in Hoover 110**
- **Queer History and Pop Culture Trivia: Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in Bowers Center Multipurpose Classroom 221**
- **Pride Rock Painting: Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in The BSC Birdcage**

NATIONAL GIRL, ME TOO Day

Thursday, April 7

This national holiday celebrates the strength and endurance of women of all ages. It aims to remind women to support one another through any difficulties.

How to Celebrate:

- Write an encouraging note to a female friend
- Thank a woman who's been an inspiration to you

This Day in History:

Matches were invented April 7, 1827 by John Walker

Correction

In Issue 17, we published that Nicole Rodak, who played one of the Thunder Bottlers and the Mother in "Still Life with Iris," is a sophomore. Rodak is a junior.
The Etownian regrets this error.

What Marketplace food are you based on your Zodiac sign?

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Aquarius: You're the life of the party, and who is the life of the Marketplace? Pizza Dave. Therefore, you are the Hearth. Be sure to stop by and grab some of Pizza Dave's famous dessert pizza.

Pisces: Dreamy Pisces, you are the most whimsical out of all the signs. Your head is always fantasizing about something glorious, and this makes you the Baker's Rack. Their desserts are always picturesque.

Aries: Fiery Aries, you are a treat to have around. People are always happy to see you, no matter when it is. For that reason, you are the pretzel station.

Taurus: Taurus, you deserve only the best, and you want only the best. The best time to eat at the Marketplace is the Homecoming dinner when the sushi is brought out; there is bread galore, and a live band there to entertain you.

Gemini: Wonderful Gemini, you have many fantastic traits, but reliability isn't one of them. When you do show up though, you are loved. This is you are the Omelette Station.

Cancer: Lovely Cancer, it's in your nature to be welcoming. What is more welcoming than a warm bowl of soup on a cold day? This makes you the Soup Station.

Leo: Confident Leo, you know what you're good at, and you're not afraid to show it. You're probably the best at it too. You can only be the Marketplace on Thursdays with mac and cheese and chicken nuggets.

Virgo: You like to be organized, and you like your things where they belong. Everything has a place in your life, Virgo, just like the glorious Garden Stop.

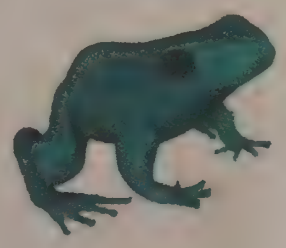
Libra: Dear Libra, you are reliable, and on the weekends when you don't want breakfast food, the Corner Grill and Deli is where you go. Here you can customize your food to your liking, perfect for the indecisive Libra. Hopefully, it's not too many choices.

Scorpio: Scorpio, no one really knows what is going on with you, exactly like the Mongolian Grill. Supposedly, it is there every Monday and Wednesday, but we know that it is always a surprise for when it is going to show up.

Sagittarius: Fun Sagitarius, it is rare for someone not to love your adventurous spirits, and who doesn't like fries? Satisfy your need for adventure by experimenting with the different condiments and spices.

Capricorn: Dear Capricorn, you are the workaholic of the zodiac signs, and no one pulls their weight like the Pasta Station. With a multitude of choices and fast pasta almost always available, it's the only one you could be.

Rory wants to know which Marketplace food he is.



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Like the Pasta Station, which is major hit in the Marketplace, Capricorns are valued by all for their hard work.

Asking Abby's Advice

Get ahead on job applications with these summer tips

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Since the end of the semester is rapidly approaching, it's likely that many students are beginning to think of their summer plans. While summer is a time for fun and relaxation after a long academic year, the season also provides the perfect opportunity to earn money and experience through jobs and internships. To make the most of the time away from school, there are a few tips and to-do's to take care of now to make your ideal summer goals possible.

Every summer road trip, beach vacation or adventure abroad have one thing in common: funding. So, my first tip for those looking to make the most of their summers is to look for flexible job opportunities or internships. For some, this may mean returning to an old job, but for others it may be time to move on. If you're looking for a new job opportunity, now is a great time to update your resume. Look at online examples or samples from friends if you're starting from scratch, or dig in the deep recesses of your laptop's folders for an old one. Reflect on the academic year that's almost over and update your resume with any new clubs, skills, experiences or volunteer work you've completed. Doing this now saves you a scramble to do it later, and also makes sure you won't miss any information which could make or break an application.

Once you've updated your resume, it's time to put it to use! As you search for summer job opportunities, try to look for companies and organizations which will value the skills you have learned in college and provide real-life experience. A job in a field relevant to your future career goals is an excellent way to gain experience and a solid reputation—which in addition to the extra cash, makes these opportunities excellent for college students. The downside to this is that may mean many other students are also looking to get the position—so it's a good thing you updated your resume! In addition, reaching out to professors for advice, references or suggestions for internships can be another valuable tactic to get the job. However, not getting your first pick of employment isn't the end of the world. There are plenty of jobs perfect for a college student looking for temporary or part-time employment, all of which are sure to have their own benefits and build necessary skills.

By being proactive and lining up summer employment now rather than waiting until the semester ends, you'll be able to jump right in soon after summer begins (if you'd like). With this extra head start, it is likely you will earn more money sooner, which can be put towards the real fun—vacations!

Although it is important to have a professional reputation through work, relaxing after the school year has come to a close is also important. If you can, try to plan at least one weekend (or week-long) getaway with family or friends. Self-care is important all year round, not just during the school year. Make time to meet up with friends from home, hang out with family and relax by yourself! Enjoy the warm weather: go on walks, read under a shady tree or go to the pool! If you think you know everything about your hometown, make it your summer mission to find something new to do or somewhere new to go.

In short, make the most of your summer by balancing work with fun. Start researching jobs now so you can begin saving money, but don't forget to spend a little on meaningful activities, too. Plan out the bigger commitments, like a job or long vacation, before summer actually starts, but also leave room in your schedule for spontaneous get-togethers. Or, if none of this advice sounds interesting, don't do a single thing at all. It's your summer, but don't forget it's also an opportunity to grow and learn even if school isn't in session.

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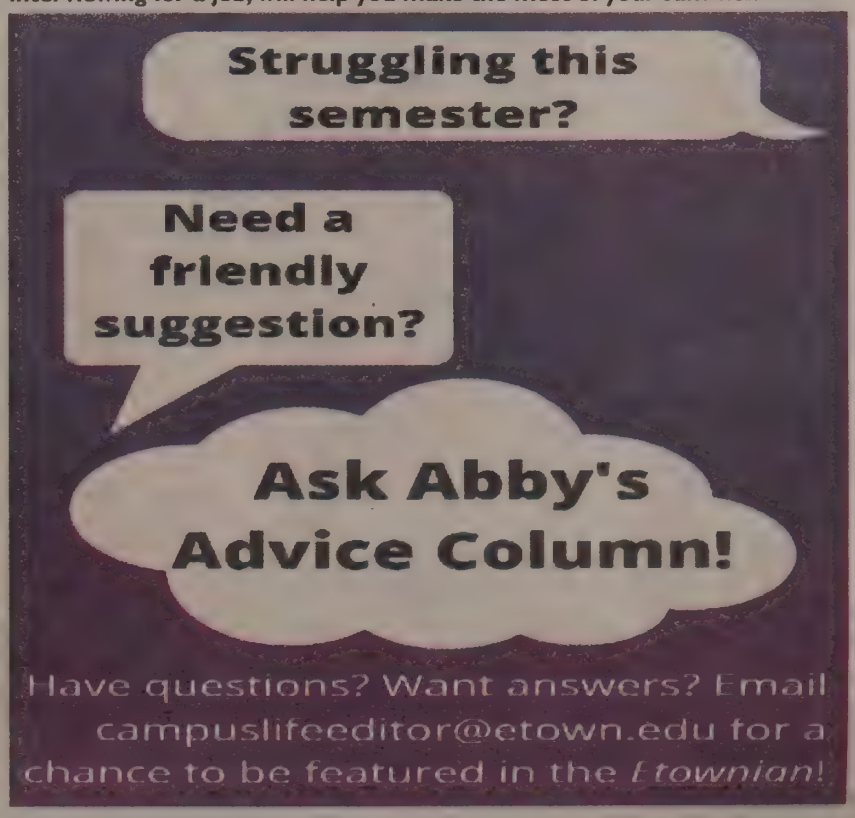
Taking time to plan your summer, whether it's budgeting for a trip or interviewing for a job, will help you make the most of your summer.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Game Review: Jigsaw puzzles

Change up your normal relaxation routine with an old favorite

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You either love or hate jigsaw puzzles, there's no in-between. To a certain group, puzzles resemble the creation of order from chaos. To another, it looks like a rage fit ready to happen. Some people can crank out 1,000 piece puzzles in under a day while it can take another four to six business months. I'm definitely the latter. Because of the hectic schedule of a college student and the need to stay up to date on Starz's "Outlander," I can only get a puzzle done in my free time. Of course, I'm tempted to just turn my camera off on my remote class for "internet connection stability" purposes. Even now as I'm writing this article, I would much rather be doing my puzzle.

If you're a beginner puzzler, I would try to look for a puzzle with 300-500 pieces. This will give you a general idea of how puzzles work. If you're more advanced, you can stick to that number of pieces, but look for puzzles that have a hard pattern, like ones where it's difficult to distinguish between the sky and the water. You can also up the number of pieces to 1,000 and 2,000 if you want, sticking to an easier pattern.

I'm currently working on a 1,000 piece puzzle of the map from "Avatar: The Last Airbender" I bought from Redbubble two Christmases ago. Don't judge me. I finally cracked it open one night while finishing up season eight of "Hell's Kitchen." I got the urge to just sort the edge pieces from the middle pieces. This is my first strategy. Working on the border is the best place to start, so you know how big your puzzle is going to be. It also gives you a starting point relative to the rest of the puzzle, filling you with determination to complete this puzzle.

Now, you can go back through and look for distinctive pieces. This is totally your call on what you think is distinctive versus background pieces. For example, if your puzzle had a duck swimming in a lake, I would separate pieces that look like they are a part of the duck from the ones that look like the lake. Sorting the pieces breaks down the large puzzle into more manageable chunks. I'm sure this is an analogy for writing papers too. Oh well.

I should mention this: try to stick to popular name-brand puzzle makers like Ravensburger as they know their puzzles. The name brands make high-quality puzzles with pieces that give you a clear indication that the pieces fit together. My Redbubble puzzle is not like that at all. It gives me more false positives than it should, crushing my hope with every discovery of a wrong match. I had to do the upper left-hand corner three times. In addition, Ravensburg has different piece types, like pieces with four knobs, four holes, three knobs and one hole, etc.

To stop yourself from slipping into puzzle-madness, try listening to a podcast or putting on your favorite show to do the puzzle with. The background noise gives your language processing part of the brain something to focus on as the rest of the brain concentrates on the puzzle. Don't quote me on this. I have done zero research. Also, do not use a hammer on your puzzle. Typically, using a hammer results in puzzle death and needing to restart, wasting both of our time.

If you need something to store your puzzle on, I would use a poster board and zip-lock bags. The board will keep your puzzle from being stepped on, kicked, or unsafe and can easily be stored away. The bags keep your piles sorted and ensure that no puzzle pieces are lost.

Once your puzzle is complete, you can either frame it, take it apart or label the pieces on the back so that you can complete the puzzle again. Either way, happy puzzling!

Photo courtesy of Unsplash
Puzzling is an activity which requires a number of strategies, plenty of time and careful handling.

Weather report

Prepare for warm weather early next week

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The popular phrase "April showers bring May flowers" has held true for the beginning of this month—but not for much longer! While Friday, April 8 may continue the dreary trend, the weekend weather through to early next week continues to improve. High temperatures for Saturday and Sunday only reach the low 50s, but the forecast predicts partly cloudy skies with minimal rain. For students attending weekend events or outdoor activities, this is welcome news, though it may be useful to bring a light jacket or umbrella just in case.

Fortunately, temperatures are set to rise dramatically early next week, something which is sure to bring many students outside to take advantage of the nice weather. Monday, April 11 has temperatures reaching the upper 60s—cool and comfortable. Tuesday will come with weather in the mid-70s, with partly cloudy skies to provide some shade from the sun. Wednesday and Thursday, April 13 and 14, continue this trend of high temperatures and cloudy skies, but the rain is predicted to make its return on Thursday evening.

As we move into next week, plan to spend plenty of time outside to fully appreciate the high temperatures, but don't forget to stay prepared for rain! In the meantime, you can look forward to digging out shorts, picnic blankets and more in preparation for next week's wonderful weather.

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Although temperatures are supposed to be high early next week, but there is a slight chance of rain.

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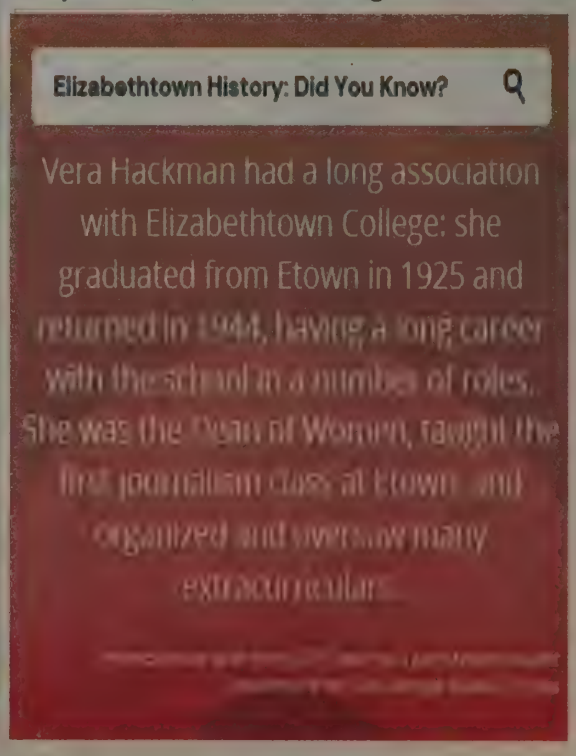
Elizabethtown History: Did You Know?
Vera Hackman had a long association with Elizabethtown College: she graduated from Etown in 1925 and returned in 1944, having a long career with the school in a number of roles. She was the Dean of Women, taught the first journalism class at Etown, and organized and oversaw many extracurricular

The Students of Etown

Meet Ryley Hummer and hear about his goals, plus how he turned his room into the ultimate Schlosser hangout

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that each has value. One such example is the tale of Ryley Hummer.

Hummer is a first-year finance major, and while many people struggle to choose what major they will eventually decide on, it does not seem like he had that problem. Hummer looked to his interests and decided on one that would lead to a lucrative career.

"All of my life, I've been interested in money and also, I am really good at math," Hummer said. "Putting those two things together, I thought finance would be a good choice."

Likewise, choosing a college to go to was a simple choice for Hummer. His home is nearly five miles away from campus in Mount Joy, Pa., and considering how important family values are to him, Hummer knew he wanted to stay close to home.

"My whole life I've lived right next to the school, so it's always been in the back of my head as a place I wanted to go," Hummer said. "Hearing about how well our business department here is, I decided that this was the right fit for me."

"My favorite part is the community because everyone I have met so far, even though everyone is different, we all have something in common that we can relate to and hang out and talk about," Hummer said.

When asked about his favorite person on campus, Hummer did not hesitate to say his roommate, fellow first-year and finance major Carson Schaeffer. Hummer expressed his gratitude that he gets along so well with his randomly assigned roommate.

"I never talked to him before getting randomly roomed with him and we've become really good friends. Some would even say best friends, but it depends who you are," Hummer said. "I have some other friends who are alright, but seeing how lucky I got with my roommate is cool."

It seems like the cool place to be on campus is Hummer's room on the first floor of Schlosser Residence Hall. There have been reports of bowling noises coming from his room. If one wants a place to let off steam, his room is the spot to be at.

"My favorite place on campus is my room just because we have a bunch of different game consoles. We just bought a mini basketball hoop, so we always have our friends over to hang out," Hummer said. "It's like our safe space to mess around and be ourselves."

After college, Hummer has options for what he wants to do. Right now, he works at his family business also in Mount Joy: Hummer's Meats. He helps as a clerk now but may eventually move into the more behind-the-scenes. However, Hummer also thinks about looking for other places for employment.

"I want to stay in the community just because all my family is here. I might go into my family business, but I would also like to be a financial adviser so I can make a lot of money," Hummer said.

To blow off steam from his duties as a student and a worker at his family's business, Hummer engages in motorcycle riding. It is something that frees him temporarily from his responsibilities.

"I go out and ride my motorcycle just as often as I can because that's just something where I'm in my own little world," Hummer said. "I can just be alone and talk to myself to cool off."

Good luck to Hummer as he continues to pursue finance and as he moves up in his family business!

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First-year Ryley Hummer has a variety of interests, including a passion for the local community and his family's business in nearby Mount Joy.

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Club Feature: It's On Us

Read about past and future events of the It's On Us club

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It's On Us is a club at Elizabethtown College that strives to raise awareness about and prevent domestic violence and sexual assault.

According to the student clubs and organizations page on Etown's website, the purpose of It's On Us Etown "is to raise awareness about sexual assault on our campus and prevent it, as well as educating students about resources they have to report and intervene in sexual assault."

The club hosts several events, both on and off campus. Past club events included "Treat Yourself" during finals week, which featured a hot chocolate bar. Additionally, at the event, club members made sugar scrubs to promote self-care and encouraged other Blue Jays to do the same.

Another activity was a tie-dye event where white shirts were sold and then dyed in different shades of purple. Purple is the color associated with domestic violence awareness and support for victims.

An additional past event included "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," where both men and women participants walked a mile in heeled shoes in support of domestic violence victims.

Most recently, It's On Us Etown provided free condoms during St. Patrick's Day week in the BSC that had memorable sayings, such as: "Ask to Kiss Me, I'm Irish," "Consent ShamROCKS" and "Feeling Lucky? Get Consent" to promote consensual sex.

It's On Us officers include President Elizabeth Syslo, Vice President Olivia Harrison, Treasurer Amanda Neef and Secretary Bridget Colwell. The club's advisor is associate professor of biology Dr. Anya Goldina. Syslo mentioned that the month of April is an important month for the club because April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM).

The It's On Us club is hosting cabinet member elections, and they encourage any Blue Jays who feel strongly about the club's message and are passionate about their mission to run for these positions.

According to the clubs and organizations page on Etown's website, It's On Us "provides members with a unique opportunity to develop skills in leadership, program planning, advertising and educating their fellow students."

There are a variety of upcoming events happening throughout the rest of the semester with the It's On Us club. Some of these events include another "Treat Yourself" self-care event happening during finals week, and the "We Got Your Back" fair.

An event called "Cover the Cruiser" will also be happening this semester. This activity involves students signing post-it notes pledging to practice safe, consensual sex and then putting these post-it notes on campus security vehicles.

This important club is making a difference both on and off the Etown campus and is starting a healthy dialogue surrounding these crucial topics so everyone in our campus community feels safe, respected and understood.

The It's On Us club meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. For students interested in joining the It's On Us club, you may email the club at itsonus@etown.edu. Another way to stay informed about upcoming events is by following the club on Instagram @its.on.us.etown.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Syslo

Members of the It's On Us club organize a variety events aimed at raising awareness for sexual assault and providing resources for students to learn more.

Welcome to the Jungle

Learn how Atticus went from shelter cat to scholar

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Have you ever seen a furry friend on campus? Some of our classmates have the ability to have an emotional support animal (ESA) on campus in the dorms. I got a chance to meet one furry friend and his amazing owner Micheale Kanode to talk about her experience in owning him and having him on campus in her dorm. Kanode adopted Atticus (originally named Onion) from the Harrisburg Humane Society about two weeks ago and took him home where they became best buds. Atticus was rescued from an animal abuse situation in which several cats were removed from the home. He was also the longest resident at the Humane Society until Kanode adopted him. Atticus is now on campus and he is living his best life as an ESA.

The mission of the Harrisburg Humane Society is to build a better community for pets and people through compassion, protection, education and collaboration. They have adoptable pets who are looking for unconditional love and their forever homes. Some of the animals have been abused or put up for adoption from homes they believed would be their homes forever so being aware of the animal's previous experiences with owners is important to support the animal in the way they need. When adopting animals from the Humane Society, or any shelter, make sure to be prepared, patient and ready to love.

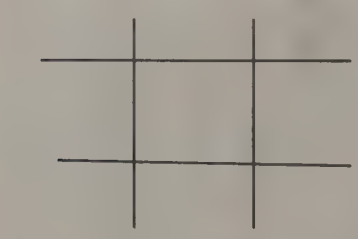
To get approved for an emotional support animal on campus Kanode had a meeting with Elizabethtown College Director of Disability Services Lynne Davies and she recommended that Kanode look into the guidelines for having an ESA. Kanode then had to fill out a couple of forms as to why she believed having an animal would help her on campus. She also had her doctor fill out another form as to why an animal would be supportive for Kanode to have on campus for support. If you want to learn more about the process to have an emotional support animal on campus, look at the College's Disability Services page online! Having an emotional support animal on campus can be extremely beneficial for some students with disabilities. Students with disabilities have the opportunity to have an ESA on campus for companionship, affection, security, calming influence, emotional support or any other function as psychological treatment.

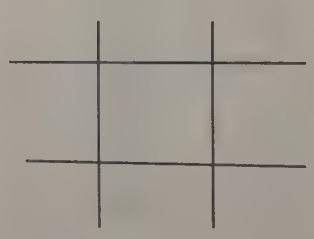
Kanode has been living by herself for her first year of college and had been dealing with the stresses of college without much emotional support prior to getting an ESA. Having Atticus there with her every day in her room is a major help, as he provides Kanode with love and attention. She mentioned that he is a major reason that he has recently felt happier. When Atticus first arrived on campus, he was a bit shy and would stay in his cage for most of the time as the transition from the Humane Society to a college dorm was probably stressful for him. However, since being on campus his personality has come out more and he is much more active around the dorm. He loves when people come to visit him and is the cutest little man.

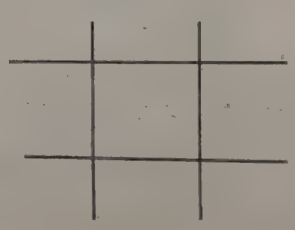
The story of Kanode and Atticus is beautiful, and I am happy to have met them and that they have found each other! My conversation with Kanode definitely inspired me to look into getting an emotional support animal on campus as well as learning more about the Humane Society.

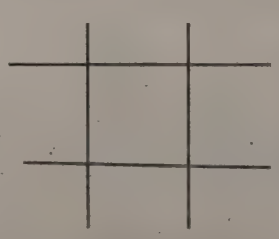
Photo courtesy of Micheale Kanode

Adopting an animal from a shelter is a big commitment, but it's worth it for pets like Atticus, who provides companionship to Micheale Kanode.









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Video Game review: Kirby and the Forgotten Land

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"Kirby and the Forgotten Land" is the foray into proper 3-D gameplay that the series deserved since 2001! The Kirby franchise has only ever gone ankle-deep into the metaphorical pool of 3-D gameplay with experimentation back when the GameCube was brand new, so to see these ideas finally come to fruition brings a special kind of joy to the hearts of Kirby fans everywhere. This game is a brilliant interpretation of the modern Kirby formula transitioned into a 3-D environment.

The game's most impressive feat comes from the high graphical quality that it manages to achieve, especially for the series' first step into 3-D gameplay. Gloriously detailed cutscenes appear throughout the game, and the in-game graphics also show a high level of graphical fidelity. Furthermore, the fact that the gameplay can so easily shift to 3-D with little to no sacrifices made to the quality of the presentation is nothing short of astounding.

However, the oddly slow framerate takes away from the graphical prowess. The cutscenes and certain parts of the gameplay run at a buttery smooth 60 frames per second (FPS), opposed to the rest of the gameplay running at 30 FPS. The difference between 60 FPS and 30 FPS is barely noticeable, but it stands out to those who have an eye for it as a curiosity of the game's programming. Noticeably, this seems to be a recurring problem that the developers run into when it comes to Kirby games on the Switch, as "Kirby Star Allies" suffered from a similar issue.

As for the gameplay, it seamlessly transitions the modern 2-D formula of the previous games, with minimal sacrifice. It stands out just how similar the gameplay is to the modern Kirby games, but just placed in a 3-D environment. The only thing that doesn't easily move over to a 3-D environment is Kirby's Copy Abilities. They lack the diverse movesets that they had back in games like "Star Allies," and I can't figure out why. Even if the transition from 2-D to 3-D prevents the developers from using controller inputs used in previous games, they could simply assign these missing moves to precise inputs, like pressing buttons in a specific order.

Thankfully, the Copy Abilities get enhanced along with several other gameplay elements that integrate perfectly into the modern Kirby formula instead of clashing with it. Copy Abilities can get upgraded throughout the game, allowing for more diversity in the somewhat limited initial movesets available to the player. In addition, "Kirby and the Forgotten Land" also hides collectibles everywhere. As a veteran of the Kirby series myself, I'm usually on the ball when it comes to the hidden collectibles, but even I had trouble finding some of them!

The game also introduces Mouthful Mode, a way for Kirby to use certain objects to his advantage. Unlike previous one-time gimmicks introduced into the Kirby series that shift the focus of the gameplay away from Kirby, Mouthful Mode enhances the gameplay rather than takes away from it. The player has much more freedom to do whatever they want to do with Mouthful Mode as opposed to other gimmicks in the Kirby series, as the objects Kirby can use in Mouthful Mode have great movement capabilities and won't immediately vanish if the player decides to leave said object behind for a bit.

All in all, I give "Kirby and the Forgotten Land" a 9/10!

Update in the world of professional sports

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This week in sports, Tiger Woods is expected to travel to Augusta, Ga. The Masters Tournament starts Thursday, April 7 and ends Sunday, April 10. It is a world-renowned golf championship that was established 88 years ago in 1934. Other golfers attending are Shane Lowry, Min Woo Lee and Rory McIlroy. The Masters is the biggest stage for golf. The tournament is the first of four major championships. The other championships are the US open championship, the Open Championship, and the US PGA Championship. These championships, known as "The Majors," are the most prestigious in golf.

In the world of professional horse racing, the Grand National is coming up. The Grand National is a professional hunt horse race that takes place annually in Liverpool, England at Aintree Racecourse. It'll be going on from Thursday, April 7 until Saturday, April 9. The Grand National is one of England's most prestigious horse races. Horses will race for about four miles while jumping 30 fences. The race will be just over two laps. This is a handicap steeplechase.

This is a big week when talking about NASCAR. From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, Track Laps for Charity is happening on Martinsville Speedway. The Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 200 starts at 8 p.m., where you can watch the Truck Series racing. Finally, on Saturday, April 9, tune in for the NASCAR Cup Series with the Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 400.

Next up: baseball. This week has been a busy one for Major League Baseball. Spring Training started March 17. The Phillies have a few games this week. One is against the Rays on Wednesday, April 6 at 12:35 p.m. There's another game against the Athletics Friday, April 8 at 3:05 p.m. There'll be two more games against the Athletics on Saturday and Sunday at 4:05 p.m. and 1:05 p.m., respectively. On Monday, April 11 through next Wednesday, April 13, the Phillies will be playing against the Mets. On Monday and Tuesday they'll be playing at 6:45 p.m. Finally, next Wednesday, April 13 they'll be playing at 1:05 p.m.

Finally, basketball. This week the Philadelphia 76ers are playing the Toronto Raptors, the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons. The game against the Raptors will be played at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7. Next, the game against the Indiana Pacers will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. Finally, on Sunday, April 10 the 76ers are playing against the Pistons. The game will start at 7 p.m.

Blue Jays sweep the Susquehanna River Hawks

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Elizabethtown College's baseball team had a big weekend as they won all three games in their series against the Susquehanna River Hawks.

The Blue Jays had a double header on Saturday, April 2, winning the first game 7-1 and the second game 3-2.

Graduate student Tyler Dunbar pitched the first game giving up just one run in eight innings. Dunbar has had a great start to the season with an ERA of just 4.01. This week's performance from Dunbar granted him pitcher of the week in the Landmark Conference.

Seniors Joey Thomas and Robbie Bertucio also had a strong first game, and both finished the game with two RBIs.

The second game was much closer, but the Blue Jays put together a win.

Junior Nick Ortega got the win for the Blue Jays, pitching 7.1 innings with only five hits and two earned runs.

The Blue Jays were up 3-0 entering the eighth inning, and the River Hawks did start to make a comeback, scoring two runs and making the score 3-2. Thankfully for the Blue Jays, the comeback fell short and the game ended with a score of 3-2.

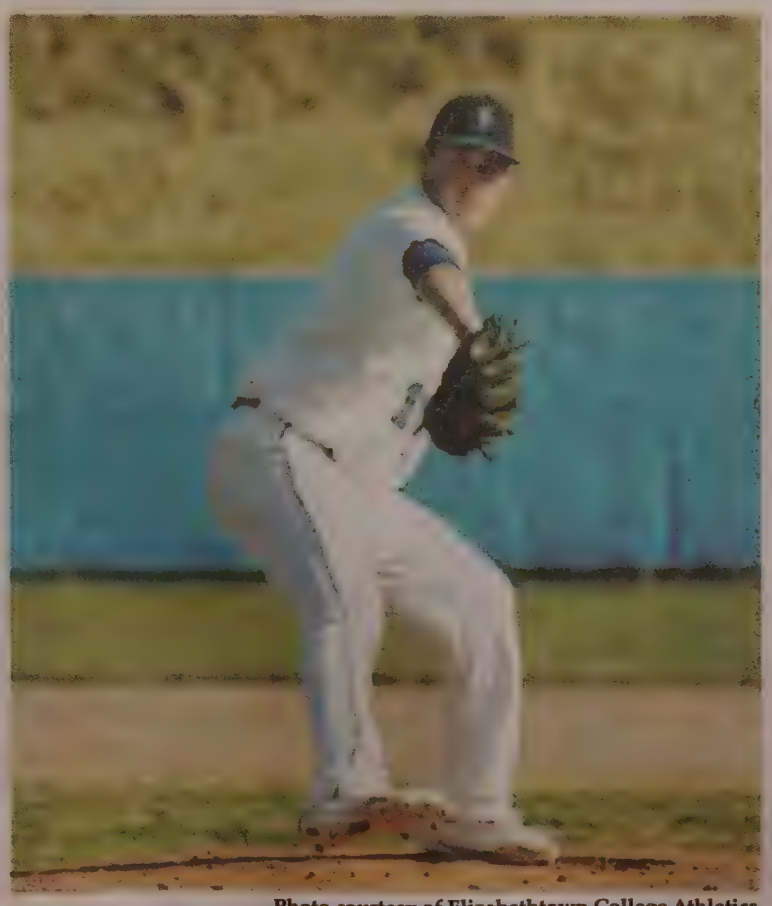
Bertucio had another great game, as he went 2 for 4 at the plate and had an additional RBI.

The last game on Sunday was delayed due to weather, but the Blue Jays dominated the field again. They won 13-3, scoring five runs in both the seventh and eighth inning. Junior pitcher Zach Silfies got his first win of the season, coming into the game as a relief pitcher in the fifth inning. Bertucio had another stand out game, having three hits and another RBI.

Bertucio's great weekend earned him the Landmark position player of the week, as he hit .571 and had a total of eight hits.

This big weekend puts the Blue Jays second in the Landmark standings, with only Catholic University ahead of them. The University of Scranton is only one game behind, but the Blue Jays beat them twice in the opening conference series this year.

This weekend the team will travel to Juniata College for a three-game series. Juniata is currently in second to last place in the Landmark and only has one conference win.



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This weekend the Blue Jays are headed to Juniata College to face the Juniata Eagles. Let's go Blue Jays!

The Hershey Bears look for their 3,000th win

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The Hershey Bears dropped their seventh straight road game against the Charlotte Checkers on Saturday, April 2, where the final score was 3-1. This is also the Hershey Bears' fourth consecutive loss overall.

The game was tied at 1-1 going into the third period after two breakaway saves from Pheonix Copley. Then a power-play let Charlotte take the lead at the 2:46 mark as Zac Dalpe was able to score making the score 2-1 in favor of charlotte in the third period.

Heresy would pull Dalpe late in the third for an extra attacker as they looked to tie the game again. They were unable as Cole Schwindt finished the win for Charlotte with an empty net goal to make it 3-1 at the 18:22 mark of the third.

Hershey's struggles began early in the game as on the third power play of the game the checkers would open the scoring. While Hershey was caught in a line change, the Checkers took a two-on-one advantage. Scott Wilson took the shot to open the scoring at the 19:20 mark of the first period with Cale Fleury and Connor Carrick assisting on the play.

During the second period, Hershey was able to tie the game. This was thanks to forward Brett Leason's third goal of the season. Leason was passed the puck by Alex Alexeyev which allowed Leason to race down the right wing and snapped the puck at the goal. The puck went over the glove of Charlotte goaltender Joey Daccord to even the score.

Copley managed to stop 37 of 39 shots in the loss to Charlotte as Charlotte led the shots on goal 40-21. Charlotte had more success in the power play than Hershey as they went two for four on the power play while Hershey was zero for four.

The Hershey Bears will face off against the Springfield Thunderbirds on Saturday, April 9. Hershey is also still looking for their 3,000 total win as they currently sit at 2,999 and a win makes them the first AHL team to hit 3,000 wins.

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Hershey Bears are nearing their 3,000th win, having onely two games left to win. Let's go Bears!

Blue Jays place eighth in Dickinson Invitational

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The men's golf team finished with a +50 in the Dickinson Invitational.

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This week in Carlisle Pa., the Elizabethtown College men's golf team returned back to campus with eighth place at the Dickinson Invitational Tournament at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course Saturday morning.

The Blue Jays carded a +50, 338 strokes to finish eighth out the nine teams competing.

Franklin & Marshall won both the team and individual titles, scoring +15, with 303 strokes as a group to out score second place Dickinson by only one stroke.

The Diplomats' Mike Gallagher finished even par, carding an even 72.

First year Jacob Geiter had a career winning day, finishing with a +7, with 79 strokes earning him a tie for 14th place. Geiter became the fifth Etown golfer to break 80 this season.

His mark also ties him with teammate Senior Blake Wallace for the fourth lowest score this year.

Senior Brady McLamb finished just inside the top 30, tying for 29th with a +11, with a final stroke count of 83.

Wallace (37th) and first-year Zachery Clapper (40th) each finished under 90 strokes, carding a +15, with a final stroke count of 87 and a +17, with a total of 89 strokes respectively.

Senior Ed Rainey rounded out the scoring for the Blue Jays, finishing in a tie for 43rd place.

Senior Luke Reiter played as an individual and finished in a tie for 35th with a +13, with a final stroke count of 85 strokes.

Etown is scheduled to play again on Thursday, April 7 at the Hershey Country Club East. The tee times start at 12 p.m.

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Etown introduces new medical humanities minor

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On Monday, April 5, Elizabethtown College was approved to offer a new minor aimed towards helping students wishing to work in the medical field. The College will begin to offer a minor in medical humanities for students who wish to go to medical school post-Etown.

Medical humanities is a form of medical practice that looks more into who the person is instead of focusing on the biology and health of a patient. The intent is to ethically learn more about the person's history and their life to find what could be causing certain health conditions to arise.

Due to this, medical humanities is based on the ideas of narrative medicine. This is because the patient will tell what has happened in their life and how it has impacted them. This practice is needed because people usually leave out information when explaining their story.

The minor will teach medical students what to look for in these situations to accurately assist their patients. Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities Dr. Kevin Shorner-Johnson believes that this minor will be very beneficial to students.

"It fills a need that our students have told us that they really want deeper studies that might make them better practitioners in the field," Shorner-Johnson said.

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The goal of the medical humanities minor is to find connections between a person's life and history and their health conditions.

This was decided to be a minor due to how many credits are taken in majors that would usually benefit from this minor. Those majors usually require loads of credits that would make it very difficult to add medical humanities as a dual major.

"You know, it's meant to support, in particular OT majors, music therapy majors, physician's assistant majors [and] biology majors who may be thinking about medical school down the road," Shorner-Johnson said. He explained that chemistry majors could also be a benefitting group. "Those particular people have very credit intensive majors that oftentimes don't allow them to add on a second major," he said.

Students intending to go into the medical field also believe the minor to be a good addition.

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A final farewell and reflection from the News Editor

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It is hard to believe that this is my final article for the Etownian and that in a few short weeks I'll be graduating from Elizabethtown College. It is both exciting and terrifying to leave college and go out into the real world, start my career and begin living on my own. I'm happy that in the final issue that I'll ever work on that I have the opportunity to reflect on my four years at the Etownian.

I started writing for the Etownian my first semester at Etown in fall of 2018. To be completely honest, it was a sudden impulse when I saw the Etownian table set up at the activities fair to sign up to be a staff writer. But I'm so grateful that first-year me made that decision.

My first year I was a writer for the Features section, covering different club events on campus and profiling different Etown alumni. The summer before my sophomore year, I received an offer from the staff to become the Assistant News Editor and begin writing for News instead. While I enjoyed Features, I found that News was where I really belonged. I stayed in that position for two years, putting in the edits from the copy editors and learning our layout software InDesign.

This year, I moved into the News Editor position, and I was excited for the additional responsibility and involvement. One of the biggest new responsibilities was creating the layout for News for each issue using InDesign during production night. These production nights every Wednesday were often time-consuming and frustrating with InDesign causing unpredictable problems to the layout. However, at the same time, it was wonderful to see how the staff helped each other and worked together in order to produce quality layouts each week (even though we would become more delirious as the night went on).

I'm an engineering major, and I was worried initially that I would somehow be isolated at the Etownian due to not having an English or communications focus. This was definitely not the case, and everyone was excited that I as an engineering major could bring a different perspective.

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I still can't believe that my four years at the Etownian are coming to a close and that I will soon graduate.

SEE FAREWELL PAGE 3

Investigation into lack of follow-up action for bias incidents on campus

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As the spring semester comes to an end, it seems like everyone is in a rush to complete things. Students are putting the final touches on end-of-the-year papers, professors are grading those papers and the administration is working hard to get ready for the summer. However, in one important aspect, Elizabethtown College is making seemingly no progress.

The Bias Incident Report page is new this year, and it is run by the bias incident response team. On the page, it says that "Elizabethtown College is committed to building and maintaining an environment that fosters a culturally vibrant campus community that values diversity, equity and inclusion, and where all community members achieve a sense of belonging." According to this quote, the College plans on maintaining a tolerant campus community. However, the bias incident dashboard tells a different story.

The bias incident dashboard has several different columns. It shows the month the incident occurred, the category (all are listed as bias incidents), the type (verbal, online, written), the identity affected and the location that the incident occurred in. It also shows if actions were requested and if actions were taken. These last two are simple yes and no answers.

Ever since January, no box under "actions taken" has been marked yes. They all say "pending," even though some have had actions requested.

One anonymous student seemed frustrated with their bias incident, which occurred in the fall semester. In their specific case, the dashboard marked that action had been taken, however the student did not feel as though it was adequate.

"There was supposed to be action taken, but then it never really happened. I was supposed to meet with Jenn Crowder and then I went to see her, and she just wasn't there. There was no information on where to meet her," the student said. A common theme among students affected by bias incidents seems to be a lack of clear communication.

Jenn Crowder did not respond to requests for comment for this article.

Although it is easy to find out where to report incidents, it's not as easy to find out how to deal with them. It's all up to the bias incident response team, who refers incidents to different areas, like counseling services.

So, what happened to the anonymous student whose bias incident was marked as completed? "I just kind of dropped it because I figured it wasn't that big of a deal. I just didn't really have time," they said.

The student who committed this particular bias incident was involved in an extracurricular, and the leaders of that activity came and apologized directly to the affected student. While this shows courage and leadership among Etown students, administration still has not followed up with the student.

In an interview in March, Executive Director for College Diversity, Equity and Belonging Nichole Gonzalez said that she welcomed criticism. "This is the first year we have a bias incident response team that is putting information out and that we have this process," Gonzalez said.

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TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY

This weekly column will feature the latest topics and trends constantly emerging in a rapidly-growing technical world.

Each week we will focus on a specific technological subject, with topics covering a wide range of high-tech issues and the latest professional gadgets.

If there are any topics or products that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk announced that he bought 9.2 percent of Twitter through the U.S. Stock Market, which makes him the largest shareholder in the company. A day later, Twitter announced that Musk would be joining their board, which would have given him great influence over the company's decisions and policies. However, Musk later decided not to join the board after all in a wild series of events.

It is still unclear why Musk had decided to reverse his decision and not join the board. There have been reports that Musk's acceptance into the board was contingent on a background check, which would have looked into any information that might cause harm to the company down the line in the event that the information becomes public. It has been suggested that Musk's fight with the Securities and Exchange Commission over his tweets that suggested he has enough funds to make Tesla private caused his hesitancy in getting a background check.

Musk's previous federal filings showed that he had planned to take a smaller stake in Twitter, but his recent acquisition shows that he will be playing a much more active role in the company. "Looking forward to working with Parag & Twitter board to make significant improvements to Twitter in the coming months," Musk tweeted in response to a welcome from Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal.

The takeover's effects on the company's policies will be interesting to watch, with Musk tweeting polls to his followers about different features users would like to see on Twitter,

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such as having an edit button. One specific policy that many will be looking out for is Musk's take on free speech on the platform, which has a lot of Republican leaders calling for a more permissive stance on political speech on Twitter, which had banned Republican leader Donald Trump in 2021. "Elon Musk has made clear he opposes big tech censorship, and that's something all freedom-loving Americans can get behind," Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) tweeted, joining many other officials calling for Musk to allow all kinds of political discourse and reinstate Trump's account on Twitter.

Twitter users are not the only ones wary of the changes Musk might bring, with many employees anxious of what this means for them and how the company's work will change. "Through conversations with Elon in recent weeks, it became clear to us that he would bring great value to our Board," Agrawal tweeted. "He's both a passionate believer and intense critic of the service which is exactly what we need on Twitter, and in the boardroom, to make us stronger in the long-term." The previous CEO of Twitter and company's co-founder Jack Dorsey also welcomed Musk by tweeting, "Parag and Elon both lead with their hearts, and they will be an incredible team."

Internal documents obtained by The Washington Post show a senior Twitter executive trying to reassure her team in a letter to the staff saying that the work fighting "hate speech and trolls" was "bigger than any board member." However, this is still not assuring to many as Gordon Haskett Research Advisors analyst Don Bilson said that Musk was basically a wild card investor who not only already has nine percent of the company but also has the resources to buy the remaining 91 percent.

Twitter's future seems to be uncertain, and only time will tell how Musk's acquisition will shape the company. Threats of allowing hate speech on the platform must be taken seriously and will undoubtedly shape other companies' policies.

NEW MINOR PAGE 1

New minor focuses on the ideas of narrative medicine

Junior biology major Alex Petrocelli believes it to be a great addition to the curriculum and a huge benefit to students. He also said that he would've taken it as a minor if it was available during his first year.

The minor had also gained a lot of interest by students of other majors as well. A poll was conducted at Etown amongst various science majors to gauge interest on the minor, which reported that 74.2 percent of the 98 responding students had said they would be interested.

A few of the courses intended to be taught within the minor include ethics, religious studies, cultural studies and narrative medicine. All of these are core elements of medical humanities and are intended to be taught within this minor.

One of the professors on campus that will be teaching some of these courses is Dr. Vanessa Borilot. Borilot teaches French and gender studies, which are both beneficial to the ideas medical humanities uses.

"[Borilot is] going to be teaching the introduction course, and she's going to be teaching the closure course. Her expertise area is kind of at the intersection of race trauma and gender studies," Shorner-Johnson said.

He also said that Borilot looked at literature about how people express and experienced trauma to prepare for teaching these courses.

There will be a conference over the summer to discuss and plan out how the minor will be used in schools in the Central Pennsylvania area. Penn State, Lebanon Valley College and Franklin and Marshall will also be at the conference. Director of McGovern Center's Medical Humanities Scholarly Concentration Dr. Keisha Ray will be the keynote speaker during these conferences.

Pennsylvania Politics

This weekly column will focus on a variety of issues of importance in the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

We hope this column will demonstrate the importance of civic engagement and encourage readers to be informed and involved in government at the state and local levels.

If there are any topics or concepts that you would like to see covered in this column, please email editor@etown.edu.

Dr. Mehmet Oz may be best known for his syndicated "medical advice" morning show "The Dr. Oz Show" which has been on air since 2009. He is also well known for his New York Times Best Seller book "YOU: The Owner's Manual" which chronicled how to live a healthier lifestyle. Oz and his celebrity persona have joined a crowded Republican primary field in a bid for the open Senate seat currently held by retiring Republican Senator Pat Toomey.

Oz has been under attack in recent weeks with ads run by fellow Republicans calling him a Republican in name only (RINO) and insisting that he is just another Hollywood elite looking to spread a leftist agenda in Washington. Oz is running as the quintessential outsider candidate; he has no prior political experience and he lives in New Jersey. So why do so many of his fellow Republican candidates seem to despise him and what role will he play in the 2022 midterm elections?

According to Britannica, Oz was born in 1960 in Cleveland, Ohio to a Turkish family and raised in northern Delaware near Wilmington. He attended prep school in Wilmington and achieved his undergraduate in Biology at Harvard in 1982. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine with a Doctorate in Medicine and he attended the Wharton School of Business with a Master's in Business Administration. Oz served in the Turkish military to achieve dual citizenship before returning to the United States and completed his

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residency for heart surgery and regular surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

Oz's celebrity status began when his book "YOU: The Owner's Manual" about how to improve your life in a few easy steps was featured on the Oprah Show in 2005. He would go on to make frequent appearances on Oprah as a "health consultant." Oz became so popular that he produced his own show from 2009 until 2021 titled "The Doctor Oz Show," where he would deliver medical advice that would at times border on quackery. Whether it was "magical" weight loss cures, strawberry and baking soda-based teeth whitening remedies or generic fad diets, Oz pushed it all. Under inquiry for his dubious medical advice, Oz was questioned by a Senate panel in 2014 for falsely promoting his cure-all products under the guise of medicine.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Oz gained notoriety by promoting questionable COVID-19 treatments like the malaria prevention drug Hydroxychloroquine. His run for Senate in Pennsylvania was launched primarily in response to the government's handling of the virus. Oz said in a statement released in November, "I am running to cure our country's ills. We lost too many lives, too many jobs, and too many opportunities because Washington got it wrong. They took away our freedom without making us safer and tried to kill our spirit and our dignity."

Oz has also been endorsed by Donald Trump. His campaign seemingly came out of nowhere and now he is running a close second to hedge fund CEO David McCormick in Republican polls. In addition, his fellow Republicans do not view him very favorably, dubbing him a Hollywood elite carpetbagger from New Jersey with anti-fracking and pro-Affordable Care Act views. Oz has lived most of his adult life in Northern New Jersey and only recently switched his address to his in-law's house in Montgomery County to run for Senate.

The questions around Dr. Oz and his Senate candidacy continue to swirl in the upcoming Republican primaries. Only time will tell whether a celebrity political outsider from New Jersey will be elected and become Pennsylvania's Republican standard bearer in the fall midterm elections. The fall midterms take on renewed importance for both parties as they will determine who takes control of the 50-50 Senate and Congress for the next two years.

INVESTIGATION PAGE 1

No official follow-up actions taken since January

"We are working on building trust because we know there is a gap in that trust, and that's going to come with time. We welcome the feedback. If anyone does have feedback, please contact me directly. I'd be happy to talk to anybody."

In the process of writing this article, attempts were made to contact Gabrielle Reed, Nichole Gonzalez, Darcey Mills and Jenn Crowder through phone and email. Attempts were also made to contact Kayshen Morel and Jenn Azvedo through phone. Only Reed responded but could not comment on the situation as she is not directly involved in the bias incident response team.

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Students negatively affected by the past bias incidents are frustrated by the lack of action and clear communication.

FAREWELL PAGE 1

Senior staff reflects on time at the Etownian

To the reader, if you want to join the Etownian or any other club or organization on campus, go for it! Don't worry about not "fitting in," you have something unique to bring to the table and others will recognize that.

Something that was very satisfying to me looking back was how my writing, along with my InDesign skills, improved. I learned how to interview, pull necessary information and how to craft a narrative rather than simply covering a series of events. I hope that I'm combatting the stereotype of engineers being bad writers. I'm also proud of my skills in InDesign since I went from having no idea how to use the software to being able to handle it all on my own (well, as long as InDesign decides to cooperate).

It still feels so surreal that this is my last article for the Etownian. However, during these four years I've nurtured my passion for writing, and I hope to continue with it after graduation. I wish my fellow graduating staff members the best of luck with their future endeavors. I look forward to reading future Etownian issues and seeing how the paper continues to evolve.

Global Perspective

This weekly column will cover a variety of contemporary global issues including climate action, global health, international peace and security and gender equality. I hope that this column will act as a platform to advocate for global progress and to empower young leaders to get involved in international affairs.

If there are certain global issues that you want to see covered in this column, please contact editor@etown.edu.

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Since Russia's withdrawal of troops from Kyiv, Ukraine this month, the bodies of over 900 civilians have been discovered around the region. Most were uncovered in Bucha, a city in Kyiv Oblast. About 95 percent of the citizens were found with bullet wounds inflicted at point-blank range, implying that they were executed. The bodies were either left in the streets or dumped into temporary graves.

With much video and photographic evidence circulating, the wrongs of Russia are clear; they have committed a myriad of crimes against humanity against the citizens of Ukraine. In response, the Ukrainian government has requested that the International Criminal Court (ICC) investigate these atrocities.

One Bucha resident detailed the horrors she witnessed as Russian forces invaded her home. "[The citizen] went to get some wood when all of a sudden, they started shooting," she said. "They hit him a bit above the heel, crushing the bone, and he fell down."

Since the beginning of the war in February, Russia has overtly violated humanitarian law, and now, many experts are saying that Moscow has committed genocide—which is often categorized as the most serious war crime.

After the civilian casualty statistics were made public, Secretary General of Amnesty International Agnès Callamar stated, "These reports from Bucha are showing a wider pattern of war crimes including extrajudicial executions and torture in other occupied areas of Ukraine. We fear the violence suffered by civilians in Bucha at the hands of Russian soldiers is not unique. These incidents should be investigated as war crimes."

World leaders such as U.S. President Joe Biden have also begun publicly accusing the Kremlin of genocide, citing the state's desire to wholly demolish Ukraine and its people.

However, Russia has continued to deny these accusations and commit these heinous acts. In addition, it has turned to repressive tactics such as media manipulation and spreading fake news to conceal the truth from both its citizens and the world.

Popular Russian television host Vladimir Soloviev stated on his show, "[The] war against us has entered a new phase. They're leading us along the Yugoslavia scenario. Now they'll cook up the scenario of a Srebrenica. We'll soon be accused of genocide."

This narrative has promoted a false and distorted perception of the government within the country, which has clouded Russians' understanding of the war. They have no escape from this disinformation as it plays out through state-sponsored television and social media.

In addition, the Russian General Prosecutor has publicly warned that those who speak out against the government or spread independent information can be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison. Moscow has instead claimed that the Bucha massacre was fabricated by the Ukrainian government and the West, which has forced citizens to agree and accept this account.

Unfortunately, there will likely be more violence toward civilians in the near future, as Russian forces have continued their offensive in the country. Although various organizations and world leaders have spoken out against Moscow's crimes, this has done little to protect the innocent.

Student Senate

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Student Senate met for their weekly meeting Thursday, April 7 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

The meeting began with student comments and announcements where Class of 2025 President Isaac Kraenbring announced that the changes in regards to the end of year exam policy were passed. The issue they now face is how this policy will be enforced, but Kranenbring said if students face any issues they can bring them to him.

Class of 2025 Representative Emily Guevara spoke on her petition that called for the restructuring of Student Senate. Guevara reported that over 131 students signed the petition in just two days. In order to spread the word about this movement, Guevara posted flyers around campus asking, "Do you believe Student Senate has inadequately represented the student body and hurt relationships with marginalized groups?" When opening the petition via Google Forms, students were asked to list their name and email.

"Student Senate has been a government that has inadequately represented the student body which has develop[ed] harmful relationships with the student body and especially students of color. Student Senate historically failed to create not only an inclusive environment but also a sense of belonging," the form read. "We are calling on a new structure that is both equitable, fair and representative of all. Thank you for addressing the failures of Student Senate with signing this petition! We thank you for your support. You can come to Student Senate this Thursday, at 3:30 [p.m.] to show support in Hoover 212!"

In reference to the petition, a few students then spoke about their perspective on Student Senate, as members of the student body who are not in Student Senate.

Executive Cabinet Secretary Jalen Belgrave and Class of 2024 Representative Joanna Schultz then presented the Student Assembly, which is what the Student Senate could be restructured into.

Rather than an Executive Cabinet and then class Senates, Student Assembly would be composed of a Speaker, Vice Speaker/Parliamentarian, Secretary/Public Relations Manager, Treasurer and Student Affairs Coordinator. These positions would fall under Chief Officers.

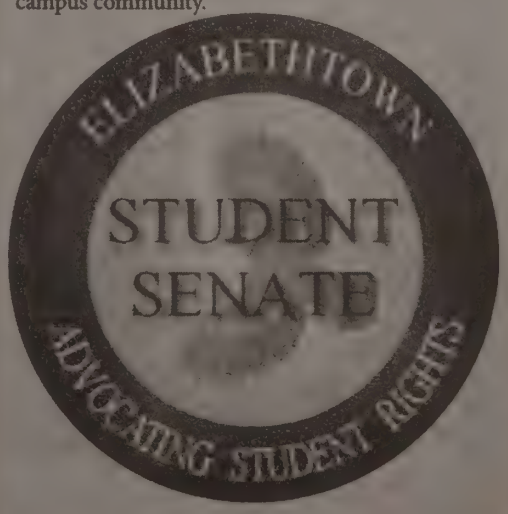
There would then be 18 Senator spots that would consist of six first-years, four sophomores, four juniors and four seniors.

There would then be 18 Representative spots that would consist of four on the diversity board, four for residence life/student support, one for honors council, four for SAAC, four student workers and one graduate student.

There would then be a mix of both internal and external committees for those who fill these positions to sit on.

This referendum was then debated and voted on whether or not be sent out to the student body, in which the vote passed.

Student Senate meets weekly on Thursday at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212. Meetings are open to all the campus community.



APO hosts Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids cabaret

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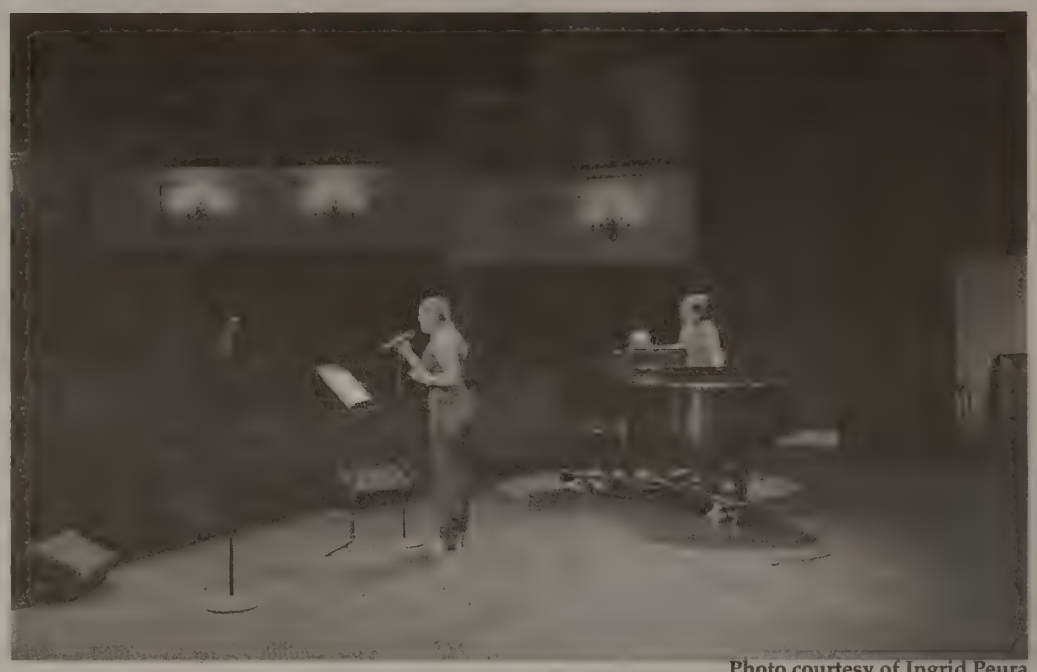
On Thursday, April 7, Elizabethtown College's chapter of Alpha Psi Omega (APO), the National Theatre Honor Society, presented the "APO Sings for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS Broadway Cabaret" in Leffler Chapel. Hosted by junior Emma Mesko, the cabaret featured performances by some of your favorite "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Still Life with Iris" actors and crew members, along with a couple of new faces. Audience members were treated to 16 spectacular vocal performances, some raffle drawings and a plethora of facts about HIV, AIDS and the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS foundation.

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is the philanthropic heart of Broadway, helping people across the country and locally receive life saving medications, health care, nutritious meals, counseling and emergency financial assistance. Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS is the single largest financial supporter of the essential social service programs at The Actors Fund, including the HIV/AIDS Initiative, the Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative and The Friedman Health Center for the Performing Arts.

Mesko helped to kick off act one, performing "Sincerely, Me" from "Dear Evan Hansen" with first-year Julia Yudichak and senior Devon Moravec, both of whom appeared in the fall production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

"Cabaret was a great opportunity for people to perform songs with friends or solo pieces that mean something to the individual or to the group," Moravec explained. "It was a great opportunity to watch everyone express their passions on stage!"

The comedic trio was followed by a performance of "Journey to the Past" by senior Maeve Heine, the star of "Still Life with Iris." Sophomore Judas Foster made their vocal debut following Heine's lovely performance, changing the energy with an astounding rendition of "Meant to be Yours." Audience members were then treated to a brief moment of deja-vu with "Dangerous Game" performed by junior Natalie Kerchner and freshman Aaron Oliver, who played Audrey and Audrey 2 in "Little Shop of Horrors."



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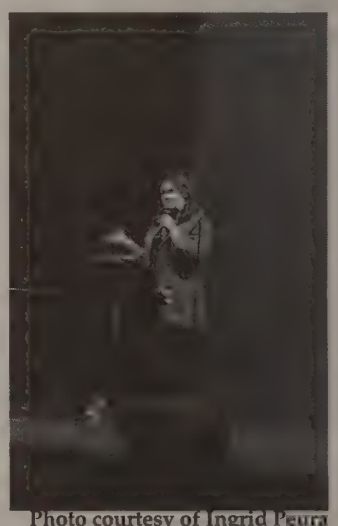
On Thursday, April 7, APO hosts Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids cabaret.

"It was nice to have a chance to perform with Nat again," Oliver said about their performance. "And it was nice to actually be able to see her on the stage this time!"

Kerchner shared a similar sentiment, "It was a real treat to be able to sing with my theater family again. Cabaret gave me an opportunity to perform a song from one of my favorite shows, 'Jekyll and Hyde.' I'm very thankful that [Oliver] agreed to sing it with me, it was a blast!"

Senior Olivia Latsha followed up with her performance of "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" In addition to treating us to a couple of wonderful songs throughout the show, Latsha was able to share her father's piano talent with the audience and performers, as he joined the show as the accompanist.

First-year Kira-Marie McClure of Melica then treated us to her performance of "She Used to be Mine," followed by junior Alli Amsbaugh's vocal debut at Etown with "There are Worse Things I Could Do."



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Various student performances were feautured during the event.

"I really enjoyed performing for the Cabaret," Amsbaugh said. "Thanks so much to APO and Sock & Buskin for putting on such a wonderful performance for such a good cause!"

To finish off act one, Mesko took to the stage once more to perform "You're Nothing Without Me" with one of her best friends, junior Ingrid Peura.

Act two saw Heine, Latsha and Yudichak returning to perform the trio "The Negative" before senior Kelty Tarvin treated the audience to her performance of "They Don't Know."

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Through the efforts of APO, $227 was raised to help those inflicted with AIDS/HIV. The money will be donated to BCEFA.

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Cabaret raises money for individuals living with HIV/AIDS

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Then, the beloved Orin Scrivello, D.D.S., better known as first-year Nick Wiley, joined the show (somewhat reluctantly) to perform "Anything You Can Do" with Peura.

"Cabaret was appealing to me because it welcomed everyone regardless of experience or skill," Wiley said after the show. "It was a fun experience that I would do again."

Following the duet was "Everlasting," Yudichak's solo number and her final performance of the night. "Being a part of the cabaret was one of the highlights of my semester because it gave me the opportunity to sing roles I would never have been able to sing otherwise!" she explained.

Junior Dori Hall of Melica was up next, performing "Good Morning Baltimore" for the audience.

Peura's brief solo song, "Anyway," followed the stunning performance, before senior Erin Vago and junior Logan Crosby sang "Falling Slowly."

Hall then returned with junior Cas Wyatt to perform "Found/Tonight" and close out the show.

"Everyone did such a wonderful job," Mesko said. "I'm so glad we were able to have the cabaret this year and help support such a good cause. We raised $227, all of which was donated to BCEFA to put towards their efforts to support individuals living with HIV/AIDS."

Congratulations to all of our talented performers!

Digital photography students hold fundraiser to support Ukraine

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On Feb. 22, everyone woke up to the news of Russia invading Ukraine. The 2022 Winter Olympics just ended two days ago, and the world was stunned. The Russian troops had been staging on the Ukrainian border for weeks beforehand, but at last, they struck. The war in Ukraine is still going on to this day. Many around the world are standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people. Including Elizabethtown College associate professor of communications Dr. Katherine Hughes.

The fundraiser is a combined effort by Hughes and Shorner-Johnson. Together the two hope to help spread awareness with the notecards and help the people in Ukraine with the donation money. The photos were taken by students in digital photography, and all proceeds will go to Direct Relief, a humanitarian group dedicated to sending medical supplies to help Ukrainian refugees.

"The digital photography class was assigned to take photos of sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine," Hughes said.

It would be a typical digital photography assignment but with a twist. The students, including sophomore Kerrigan Surles, then set off to take their pictures.

"It was just a really cool project because it made me really think of ideas of what to do [to] represent some of my heritage," Surles said.

Photo courtesy of Zachary Carlson

Katherine Hughes (left) and Amy Shorner-Johnson (right) establish a fundraiser to support the people of Ukraine.

Surles' grandfather's generation were from Ukraine before moving to the United States. Surles took a picture of their grandfather with the sunflowers, alongside another picture of sunflowers on a deck chair. It's that picture of the sunflowers on a deck chair that would go on to feature in the Sunflowers for Ukraine fundraiser.

The students' finished photos were to be printed on notecards and sold as part of the fundraiser. Students enrolled in the digital photography class were given the option to choose a charity and joined together to vote on one specifically. The charity they chose was Direct Relief.

"All of the proceeds from this will be sent to the non-profit, and hopefully, trying to help the people in Ukraine," Hughes explained.

Direct Relief is a nongovernmental organization that specializes in humanitarian relief. They especially deal in medical supplies and also work to provide food, shelter and clothing to people in need regardless of politics, religion or ability to pay. Direct Relief's mission is to provide humanitarian aid. So far, they are active in all 50 U.S. states and 80 countries worldwide.

The Sunflowers for Ukraine fundraiser originally sold notecards on campus in the BSC April 12 and 13, but since then has moved online.

Photo courtesy of Kerrigan Surel

The digital photography students took photos of sunflowers, Ukraine's national flower. The photos were placed onto notecards which were sold to raise money for Ukraine.

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Fundraiser sells sunflower notecards to support Ukraine

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Notecards will be sold in packs of 5 for $10 on the week of April 25. Anyone interested in buying them can find them online via the Chaplin's

Office website at https://www.etown.edu/offices/chaplain/index.aspx.

This fundraiser comes as a spiritual successor to a vigil created by Rev. Amy Shorner-Johnson. During the start of the war in Ukraine, Shorner-Johnson and her team created the vigil as a way to honor the student's families on either side of the war whose lives have been lost. The vigil depicts four sunflowers made of tissue paper.

It is located on the second floor of the BSC between the computer lab and the hallway that leads to the advisory offices.

"It's kind of a follow-up from our vigil. So, Dr. Hughes reached out with this idea. We obviously kept the sunflowers upstairs at the vigil area. This is kind of a continuation knowing, unfortunately, that the war is going to be ongoing," Shorner-Johnson said.

The war in Ukraine has been scary for all of us, but together the Etown Chaplin's Office and the Department of Art and Design hope to provide support where they can.

Photo courtesy of Katherine Hughes

Digital photography students used their talents to take the photos of sunflowers.

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The Department of Art and Design and The Etown Chaplin's Office hopes to show support for those inflicted by the war in Ukraine.

Sending everyone the warmest farewell

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My life in the journalism world began when I was in ninth grade. I loved everything about writing articles, so it was no surprise when first-year me wandered over to the Etownian table at the club fair. I was presented with a choice of what section I wanted to write for, which was an entirely new concept to me. My high school newspaper didn't have sections. One of the editors suggested I start in Campus Life, as they needed writers, and so I did.

I continued writing for Campus Life the entirety of the fall semester. However, by the spring I was dreading the articles. The types of articles were not my writing style and the topics were not necessarily my interests. I began to consider leaving the paper and not trying to recreate the perfect experience I had in high school.

As I was preparing to send in my withdrawal, I received an email asking if I'd be interested in being the Assistant Features Editor. Maybe a change is what I needed, so I switched to that role.

Features felt right in every way. I had new article assignments and was enjoying the writing once more. With four years of InDesign practice from high school, I was quickly able to learn how to do layout.

I remained as the Assistant Features Editor all the way through Spring 2021. I was set to take over as Features Editor for the Fall and I was prepared to do so.

However, two weeks before the semester started up, the former Managing Editor reached out to see if I would be interested in being the Editor-in-Chief. At first, the thought was overwhelming, but I was willing to try.

I started the Fall semester while still learning my role. I got more comfortable in my position as time went on. Now, I have it down. It is my favorite extracurricular activity by far. I love production nights and all the fun that occurs. Even when some layouts are a disaster, I enjoy fixing them. Maybe that is the teacher in me that loves correcting things, or the part of me that loves designing and creating. Regardless, I cherish my role as Editor-in-Chief and know I will greatly miss it when I graduate in May.

I leave this advice to anyone interested in newspapers or higher roles, but are hesitant: jump in, it may be the best decision you ever make. Never be afraid to step up and challenge yourself because you might just find you can do it.

The paper will always be a part of me. I may even try to start an elementary version of a school-paper wherever I end up teaching. I will carry the memories I made with the staff of the Etownian with me forever. I will miss everyone dearly. Thank you for letting me be a part of something so special.

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Editor-in-Chief Alyssa Marzili bids farewell to the Etownian as she soon graduates from Elizabethtown College.

What message do you need to hear based on your zodiac sign?

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Aquarius (January 20-February 18): You're coming back better than ever, Aquarians. Maybe you had an illness or a setback, but now you're ready to tackle anything life throws at you.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): For those who may be dealing with changes in their home lives, it's important to lean on your friends and family, while also exploring your internal thought processes and emotions.

Aries (March 21-April 19): You may be starting a new venture soon and it's important to remain pragmatic. Putting more effort into your career or future plans will set you up for success.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): In potential creative endeavors, try thinking outside the box to combine multiple ideas to solve a problem.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Rifts in relationships can be rectified with good communication, self-awareness and setting personal boundaries.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your emotions may be at an all-time high right now but seeking advice from a mentor can help you work through those feelings in a healthy way.

Leo (July 23-August 22): Intellectual and spiritual growth seem to be common themes for Leos in the coming weeks. Embrace new beginnings when it comes to the unknown and leave yourself available for spontaneous inspiration.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Right now may be a very stressful time, so don't be too hard on yourself or others. Doing the best you can at a certain time is good enough and you shouldn't beat yourself up for not being able to do everything yourself.

Libra (September 23-October 22): You may be feeling particularly stressed or overwhelmed right now, so it's important to prioritize balance in your life. Make sure that school, work, friends and your alone time all have a place in your busy schedule to feel fulfilled and more at ease.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21): Scorpios may be facing some added responsibilities soon that require courage and intelligence. Take comfort in everything you've learned thus far and move forward with confidence.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): Success is certainly in the cards for you, Sagittarius. The light at the end of the tunnel is near and you will soon be able to taste the sweet fruits of your labor.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You may be feeling disconnected from the experiences and people around you. It might be beneficial to recharge with some downtime or investing in quality time with good friends.

Rory wonders if frogs have zodiac signs, too. He wants one.

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The scales are the symbol for the sign Libra, whose birthdays fall between September 23 and October 22.

Asking Abby's Advice

Make some summer spending money with these tips

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One of the hallmarks of a semester's end is the advertising of used books. Students flock to apps (like the trusty Jays App) and group chats, sneak casual offers into conversation and make their Venmo accounts known to all in the weeks just before and after a semester begins and ends, all in the effort to sell unwanted items. This is common throughout the year, too, as cash-strapped college students hope to make a quick few dollars and others look for cheap goods to buy. However, there is a noticeable uptick in these transactions at the semester's end, whether the products be books or clothes or dorm-friendly furniture.

Selling used but quality items to fellow college students is a wonderful idea for many reasons. It saves the buyer money, helps the seller make money and finds a new purpose for things which would otherwise be thrown away or shoved in a corner. It sounds like a simple process, but there are a few tips and tricks for those buying and selling used items on a college campus which may maximize the success and satisfaction of both parties.

Firstly, here are some tips for those attempting to sell unwanted items. Take advantage of online resources! The Jays App and Instagram are both excellent options that reach a wide, local audience who are likely to be interested in your products. Websites like BooksRun or other book buyback websites may also be worth looking into for lesser-used but quality textbooks. With items like books or college-specific merchandise, the Jays App is sure to reach the appropriate audience, some of whom are sure to be interested in an Elizabethtown College sweatshirt or an expensive textbook for an upcoming class. The Jays App is also a great place to post about items which pertain to college living, such as dorm furniture, and is a quick way to establish in-person meeting times, payment methods and the details of the sale. Many students can pay for items immediately with Venmo or Apple Pay, so anyone looking to sell items may benefit from signing up for these apps as well to ensure the quickest and least-complicated sale.

An important aspect of selling any product is quality-control, which can be monitored by both the seller and those looking to buy. Sellers: make sure you keep your target audience in mind. Ask yourself if the item you are selling is in good condition and if it's something the audience you're going to be reaching is interested in. This also determines where you want to sell your item; the Jays App is a nice place to start for many things, but resources like Facebook Marketplace reach a wider audience if you're selling a more generic item or something for a very small, specific audience. In addition, be sure you are honest about the quality of the piece, including damages, and be clear about your pricing. This way, you ensure your trustworthiness to buyers, making it more likely your item will sell.

On the other side of this, buyers should also be careful with what products they purchase. Make sure the seller seems reliable. Is the item priced reasonably? Do they provide pictures? If the seller doesn't provide pictures, or doesn't show enough, be sure to ask for a full view of the product, including close-ups of any damage. When you do agree to buy something from a seller, agree to meet in a public place to pick up the item if you're picking it up in person. Also agree on how you plan to pay, whether through a popular app like Venmo or cash.

While these guidelines are good to follow for an exchange between college students or peers, the biggest tip for both buyers and sellers is respect. In addition, be sure to explore all your options, from Amazon to in-person selling, to ensure you're getting the best deals and saving the most money. Don't be afraid to put your unwanted items up for sale, but do remember to be safe and cautious with any online or in-person transactions!

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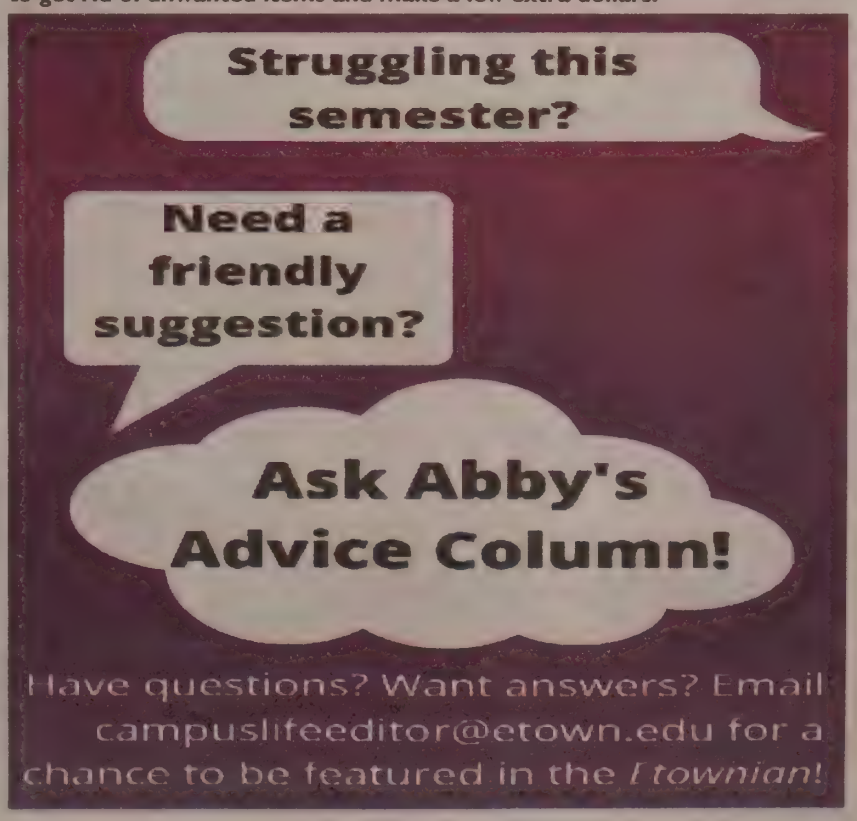
Exploring your options to buy and sell items for the best prices is a great way to get rid of unwanted items and make a few extra dollars.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Movie Review: Sonic 2

Hear about how this classic character made a second movie debut

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In order to get into the mind of the Blue Blur, I knew I had to make an effort to act like he does. That means before I stepped into the theater, I was to indulge in Sonic's favorite dish of choice: a chili dog. It was my first time eating the dish, and I was not disappointed. However, perhaps the chili dog's flavor had been improved with a certain spice: excitement.

With the chili dog consumed, I stepped into the theater and ordered my tickets for "Sonic the Hedgehog 2." The theater was not packed to the brim. The release weekend had come and gone, and now its various airing times were home to a scattered group of people, each going to view it at the time which was most ideal for them. This was fine by me as less people made it safer to be in the theater.

I found that "Sonic the Hedgehog 2" was a wonderful experience to view. The movie is full of references and inspirations that Sonic fans would be able to pick up on. One addition, for example, is the iconic Buzz Bomber enemy in Eggman's robotic armada. In the previous movie Dr. Robotnik, otherwise known as Eggman, had mostly floating egg-shaped robots. The Buzz Bombers, however, provide a new familiarity Sonic fans may enjoy.

Tails, Sonic's new friend, has sometimes been written into a corner, where he seems to have just the right gadget for the situation at one time and is totally helpless other times. In this movie, Tails has no such inconsistency. He has the right amount of gear to make him capable, but not so much that it's unrealistic for him to not be able to solve problems.

Knuckles is portrayed with power befitting of his name while not being totally without a brain. Despite being antagonistic for most of the film, Knuckles is still a sympathetic character and definitely an endearing one. His habits he gets from being unfamiliar with Earth customs are very funny to watch.

Of course, Sonic, the Blue Blur himself, has character development from the first movie as well. At the beginning of the movie, Sonic is unwilling to open himself up and consider the people that care for him his family. By the end, he's realized that they really are a found family and accepts it. Sonic also expressed a desire to grow up and help people with his powers. But because he wasn't experienced, a lot of people could have been hurt. By the end of the movie he's learned his lesson, and realizes that it's okay to be a kid for a while and enjoy your time as one to the fullest.

The humans, like the first movie, are not as interesting as the Sonic versus Eggman story. But in this movie, they still hold an interesting subplot for a while and don't overstay their welcome. Sonic's relationship with his earth family is furthered and has a great moment near the end which I enjoyed.

Overall, the improvements the second Sonic movie brought to the Sonic movie universe are significant, and the story is much more interesting with more Sonic characters at play. It can stand on its own, but also has lots to love for hardcore Sonic fans to enjoy. I recommend watching both Sonic movies, as both are quite fun to experience.

With the movie completed, I recall thinking to myself as I walked out of the theater: "I should make another chili gog…" So I did! It tasted even better than the first one.

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The classic video game character Sonic has returned to theaters, with a movie sure to entertain fans.

The Weekly Treat

Feel nostalgic with this sweet, chilly treat

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What's up Crumb Crew, Nat here serving up your next entry for the Weekly Treat! And what a tasty surprise we've all must've received on this fine day! The campus hosted a surprise guest on this hot day: an ice cream truck, serving a wide variety of free ice-cold treats. From sandwiches to characters on a stick, they had everything you could ever dream of, all thanks to "The Ice Cream Clown"!

I've decided to go on the childhood classic: the SpongeBob Pop. It is a unique flavor combo, with a blend of fruit punch and cotton candy, along with two small gumballs for the eyes of the man himself. It had a very strong citrus taste, mainly of lemon and a hint of cherry. The cotton candy flavor was a little hard to spot, but the creaminess of it was too good to complain about. And the gumballs were a nice finisher for the popsicle to savor the last of the sugary treat.

That being said, since it is ice cream after all, once you have it, you have to eat it while it's cold and solid. Lingering with it for too long will make it melt. Trust me, I know a little too well how that ends up. A large piece of it fell and not only stained a small part of my clothes, but left a very sticky mess all over my hands. So be careful, or else too much fun in the sun can turn sour. But I will admit, despite the melting mishap, it was a pleasant surprise to walk out of a class and get a taste of some fond childhood nostalgia and warm memories.

But back to the review, 9/10 to the SpongeBob Pop! Like the wise words of the man of the hour: I NEEEED IT!

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The sight of an ice cream truck on campus recently had many students enjoying childhood favorites.

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Elizabethtown History: Did You Know?

Rufus P. Bucher, for whom the Bucher Meetinghouse was named, was one of the first six students to attend Elizabethtown College (known as the Faithful Six). He taught in local public schools and later served on the College's board of trustees from 1913 until his death in 1956.

The Students of Etown

Meet Mahli Rupp and hear about how she has explored her passions for writing and language during college

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Despite Elizabethtown College being a small school compared to most of the colleges in the area, it is nearly impossible to know all of the students on campus. Each one of them has their own unique story on how they came to attend Etown, and it is important to know that their story has value. One such example is the tale of sophomore Mahli Rupp.

For Rupp, when considering college, the only thing that mattered was distance. Most college students longed to go as far away from their hometown as possible, but Rupp is the rare exception to the rule as she resides in Mount Joy, Pa., which is only a 10-minute drive from Etown.

"At the time when we were all trying to choose colleges, the only thing I knew I wanted was to be a commuter," Rupp said, "and that was it. That's all I knew going into college searching."

Like so many other students mentioned in "The Students of Etown," Rupp loves the College for our tight-knit community.

"It feels like, well maybe I can't say it but I will anyways," Rupp said. "It feels like my high school but nicer."

Rupp is a professional writing major, a Japanese minor and considering a creative writing minor. She decided on her major because of her love of writing, and like many writers, that passion stems from her love of reading.

"I've been a reader ever since I was baby age. My mom would sit down with me and read with me on her lap. I just kept reading," Rupp said. "Some people don't tolerate that, but I've loved books since I was out of the womb."

On the other hand, her Japanese minor came more by surprise. Rupp took an introductory level Japanese course her first semester of her first year to fill the language requirement and discovered that she actually adored the language.

"As it went on, I was like 'Oh, I really enjoy this. I'm good at it,'" Rupp said. "So I just kept continuing to do it."

With almost four semesters completed, Rupp has taken many classes on campus. Her favorite, however, is a class she took fall semester, EN281: Young Adult Literature with Dr. Tara Moore.

"We were reading things that I actually really enjoyed. I love young adult literature more than older literature," Rupp said. "A lot of people expect me to really like the old stuff because I'm an English major, but really, my love lies with the modern, young adult stuff."

With graduation only two short years away, Rupp does not have many concrete plans for what she plans to do, but she has some ideas.

"I know I want to get a writing job and hopefully move out of my mom's house," Rupp said. "I like that I still live with her, but I feel by the time I'm 25, I need to be out."

Good luck to Rupp as she finishes the second half of her college journey and moves into the writing world!

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Sophomore Mahli Rupp studies in the library, the perfect place for someone involved in so many different aspects of reading, writing, and language learning.

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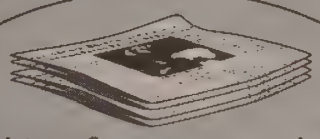

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Op-Ed: Student wages

Hear two students' views on wages for student workers

by Gabriel Karl & Nicholas Wiley
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The current campus minimum wage is $8.25. No amount of complicated pay schemes can change that. This fact doesn't sit well with many of us at Elizabethtown College: that's why we (Nicholas Wiley and Gabriel Karl) are writing this Op-Ed on behalf of the Etown Young Democratic Socialists of America.

Gabriel:

$8.25 is too little, plain and simple. The jobs our campus workers do are essential. From the Marketplace to the library. From the Learning Zone to the Jay's Nest, ITS and the Blue Bean. These are essential roles on campus, so the people who work these jobs should be paid like it. The value our campus workers create in these jobs isn't as little as $8.25 an hour, is it?

Like we said before, our campus workers are critical to the College; we need them to function. So what happens when we don't have enough? People aren't able to get tutoring, administration members have to fill in scheduling gaps in the Marketplace, the Jay Truck can't open and on and on. Any economist will tell you that there is one clear solution to this problem: raise wages. This is basic supply and demand stuff here. If the price of labor (wages) is too low, people won't supply that labor, especially when there are better alternatives off-campus. But the College tells us there's a student worker shortage out one side of their mouth and says no to a real raise out the other.

The final point I'll make here is that going to college is expensive. We all understand that. And it's not just tuition, room and board I'm talking about here (although it is a lot and only rising). It's textbooks, gas, calculators, dorm supplies, living expenses, grad school applications for our upper-classmen, etc. A raise will make an undeniable difference in students' ability to cover costs. More than that, it will reduce the stress surrounding money and finances, allowing us more mental energy to focus on what we're here for: Education for Service.

Nick:

To call the current minimum wage for student workers "offensive" would be an understatement. To enroll in college is to take a gamble on yourself. You are putting faith in your ability to not just manage, but excel, in order to maximize your opportunities after graduation. It's an expensive thing and unfortunately, not everyone has a trust fund or a strong financial support network. For supplementary income, many students are forced to work while studying. If you're a STEM major or any concentration that is completely swamped with homework, you need a job with flexible hours. That is an advantage of working on this campus, but it is not an excuse to underpay students. To maintain one's grades and help their campus community as student workers do is a thankless balancing act. We have been convinced as workers that we don't deserve to be paid $15, $12 or even $10 an hour for some jobs. This is a diabolical campaign and I reject that notion.

Etown prides itself on its tight-knit community. How can the school advertise that notion yet not deliver on it? A close community cares for their own and we have not been. A dollar increase to jobs across campus capped at $10 is a start, but it is not enough. We cannot settle when we are worth more than that. Raise student wages and hold Etown accountable for the promises it sells us. A better world (and campus) is possible.

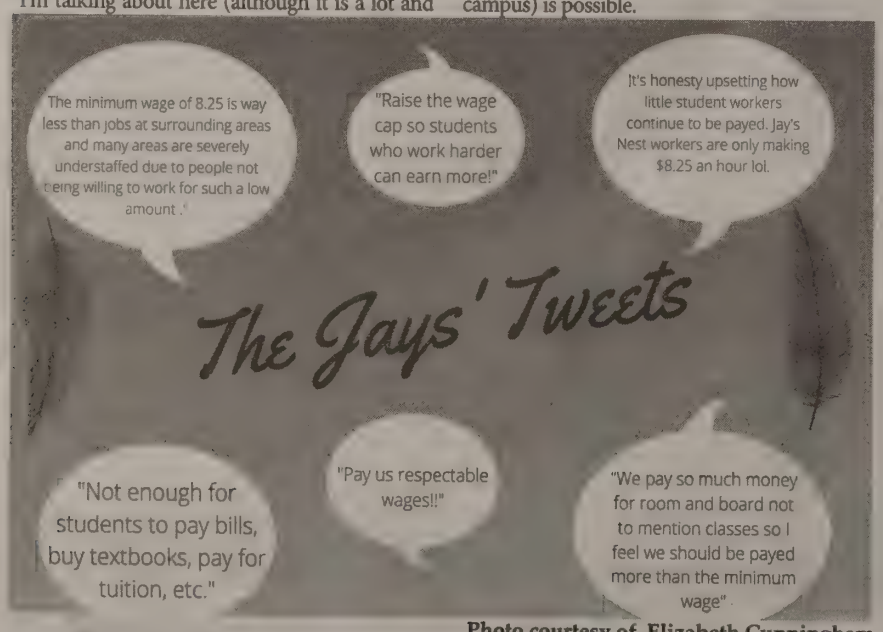
The Jays' Tweets
The minimum wage of 8.25 is way less than jobs at surrounding areas and many areas are severely understaffed due to people not being willing to work for such a low amount.
"Raise the wage cap so students who work harder can earn more!"
It's honesty upsetting how little student workers continue to be payed. Jay's Nest workers are only making $8.25 an hour lol.
"Not enough for students to pay bills, buy textbooks, pay for tuition, etc."
"Pay us respectable wages!!"
"We pay so much money for room and board not to mention classes so I feel we should be payed more than the minimum wage"

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Cunningham

Elizabethtown College students weighed in about this debate, with several having strong commentary on why student wages should be increased.

Op-Ed: Companion piece

Learn more about the debate over student wages

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Note: The Etownian reached out to Student Senate and the Business Office, but were unable to receive a response due to time constraint. In addition, the statements in this piece are entirely the individual's opinion and do not reflect the opinions of the Etownian. Some statements were edited for length and clarity.

Back in February 2020, the U.S. economy faced a recession in the midst of fear of the COVID-19 pandemic. To keep the economy afloat, corporations and businesses depended on "essential workers" to stay in business. Unfortunately, the berate and abuse of essential workers in customer service has driven the demand for the federal minimum wage to be up to $15 to reflect the current livable price tag. Back in January of this year, President Joe Biden increased the minimum wage for federal workers to $15 an hour. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf proposed to increase the minimum wage to $12 an hour on July 1, 2022, with it increasing 50 cents every year until 2028.

Over the past year, the student workers of Elizabethtown College have received a pay increase to reflect the new minimum wage of $8.25. The cap for this pay increase is $10. The Etownian posted an anonymous survey to the College's social media, the Jay's App to gather the students' responses.

Out of the 41 responses, 78 percent stated that they work on campus. 42 percent said that they work off campus. 90 percent said that the minimum wage should be increased.

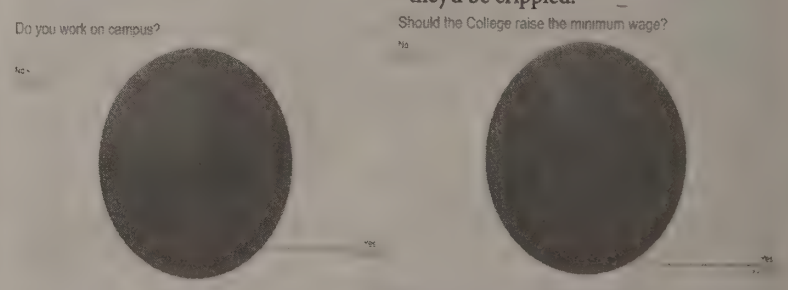
The majority of the comments have stated that there are higher paying jobs off campus. An anonymous student said, "I could be working at McDonalds for $15 or the Boutique for $10 putting in the same amount of effort I put in for $8.50." Another said, "Students can work off campus (and very close to campus) for $13-$15."

Though in the minority, a few students did not want to see a pay increase. One student said, "Although Etown pays less than my office campus job, with the little taxes that come out it is worth it. I think that if the minimum wage increased, there would be an increase in tuition." Another student said, "I think students who advocate for a higher wage only see the short term benefit for themselves. In the long run this will raise costs for the College, in turn creating higher costs for students."

The comments from the survey also suggested more options to help encourage students to work on and off campus. One student suggested, "The campus should do more to support off campus working students if they can't pay us enough to work on campus and plan to continue raising tuition. Many other schools employ a program where students working off campus can get parking passes so they don't have to walk super far late at night when they get back from work." "At least give the workers some privileges like a meal up to a certain amount [be]cause some of the shift[s] cause you to miss dinner or [you] can grab something from the store," another student suggested.

There is also a demand for specific jobs and the full time employees to see the benefits. "Dining service should be bumped up way more than it already is," one student said. "Full time workers at Etown like the dining staff need a wage increase as well. Admin[istration] can't be expected to pay their student workers more than the full time staff," one student said.

In addition, there is consensus that the College depends on student workers. Students are required to work as a part of their financial aid. "Without student workers, places such as Dining Services, Admissions, ITS and more would not be able to function," one student said. Another student said, "It's expensive to be a student and student workers need to be shown that they are appreciated. The College depends on us for a decent amount of work, if we stopped one day they'd be crippled."



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The Etownian conducted a survey to learn more about the campus wage debate on campus, hearing from a variety of students on this question.

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Etown baseball wins against Catholic University

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On Saturday, April 16 in Washington, D.C., the Elizabethtown College baseball team hit six home runs on its way to the 17-8 win over Catholic University to take the weekend series victory. With the win, the Blue Jays' record improves to 17 wins and 16 losses overall and 10 wins and 5 losses overall in the Landmark Conference, while the Cardinals fall to 24 wins and 8 losses overall and 10 wins and 2 losses in league play.

Junior Ben Watson wrapped up this dominant weekend, hitting three home runs, earning six RBIs and three runs scored. Watson's strong week earned him the player of the week in the landmark.

Meanwhile, teammates senior Tyler McGonigle, senior Robbie Bertucio and first-year RJ Agriss each finished with a home run as well. First-year Dante Pozzi, senior Peter Giombetti, senior Matt Tesoriero and first-year Tommy Digiorgio each hit home runs for the Cardinals.

Tied at three after a three-run home run by Agriss in the top of the fifth, the Blue Jays found their momentum in the top of the sixth inning. Watson and Bertucio started things off with back-to-back hits and runs to start the inning to move in front, making the score 5-3.

After senior Joey Thomas was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to put Etown up 6-3, McGonigle stepped in and mashed a grand slam over the left field fence for the 10-3 advantage. Watson then finished the inning exactly the way he started, hitting a home run over the right field fence to give the Blue Jays the 11-3 lead midway through the seventh inning.

Etown wound up scoring six more runs in the eighth, highlighted by another grand slam from Watson, and Etown held Catholic to five runs to the end of the game to capture the 17-8 win. Senior Matt Barton earned the win in relief, allowing three earned runs on one hit and striking out once. First-year Cody Bosak took the loss in relief, allowing six earned runs on eight hits and struck out five batters over four innings of work.

Etown is scheduled to be back in action on Thursday, April 21 against #23 ranked Shenandoah. Opening pitch is set for 4 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Elizabethtown College Athletics
Elizabethtown College baseball teams scores 17-8 against the Cardinals.

The USFL season kicks off

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The United States Football League (USFL), is back for the first time since 1985.

The league plans to be a little brother to the National Football League (NFL) and will provide fans of football something to watch during the summer months.

The league currently has a lineup of just eight teams, two of which are based in Pennsylvania.

The Pittsburgh Maulers were around from 1984-1985 and have returned in the 2022 season.They are in the North Division.Philadelphia also has a team, the Philadelphia Stars. The Stars are also in the North Division.

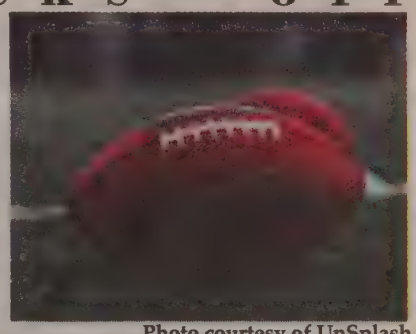
Additionally, teams are located in New York, Texas, New Jersey, Michigan and Louisiana.

After the first week, the teams for Pennsylvania are not looking the best. The Pittsburgh Maulers got off to a rough start, losing 17-3 in the first week of play to the Tampa Bay Bandits. The Philadelphia Stars also lost but looked much more competitive, as they lost 23-17 to the New Orleans Breakers.

The league may not have the same level of competition as the NFL, but it is still a hyper-competitive league, as many of the players that have come from top ranked D-1 universities.

There are even some former NFL players in the league. Many of these players were drafted in late rounds, bounced around on practice squads and are currently not getting real playing time in the USFL.

If you missed the first week of games, no worries. This weekend will be the start of week two, with games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Pittsburgh Maulers will play the Philadelphia Stars at 12 p.m. on Saturday. You can watch the game on Fox.



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After many years of in-activity, the USFL returns.

Video game review: "RUN: The World In-Between"

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"RUN: The World In-Between" ironically features very little "in-between." The core of its gameplay revolves around quick platforming throughout various platforming sections but does not do much to make them feel fair or distinct from each other. Despite the amount of effort "RUN" puts into its presentation and storytelling, it quickly becomes simultaneously boring and infuriating with its odd gameplay design.

The main gimmick of "RUN" involves the player constantly getting chased by a shadowy creature that kills the player on touch, but this gimmick clashes with the platforming in the worst way possible. Its movements directly match that of the player, which runs counter to certain platforming sections that require the player to go backward. It can be genuinely impossible to avoid dying when the only path forward gets blocked by this creature.

"RUN" also features a startling lack of variety, as the entirety of the game revolves around the same level with the same graphics and music lasting for the entire game. The only thing that varies is the actual platforming sections, as the game randomly chooses from a sparse selection of obstacles every time the player goes through. The possible platforming sections change when the player completes the level enough times, but the game always reaches the point of monotony before this mix-up occurs.

Fortunately, "RUN" shines when it comes to telling the player about its story. "RUN" frequently offers the player opportunities to learn more about the game's lore, such as a talkative traveler or collectibles that piece together a vague picture of the main character's past. The mysteries that the game presents help drive a sense of engagement and keep the player wanting to play the game more. However, this strength becomes "RUN"'s greatest weakness.

The developers seemingly cared more about telling a story with "RUN" rather than making it fun. The difference in quality between the lore of the world and the gameplay blatantly stands out. One may ask why this matters, but it shows how the development of "RUN" started flawed from the onset. Good gameplay should always get prioritized higher than any other aspect of game design because these products are games first and foremost. If you have to sacrifice the gameplay to tell a story, you made a bad game. I'm not suggesting that video games can't ever feature a grand story, but any game developer that wants to focus more on the plot of their game needs to ask themselves whether or not their vision would flourish better as a movie or book rather than a video game. The developers of "RUN" did not ask themselves this question, and it unfortunately shows.

I give "RUN: The World In-Between" a 4/10.

Photo courtesy of UnSplash
"RUN: The World In-Between" is a difficult platform with an overarching story.

Etown softball team honors their seniors

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On Saturday, April 16, the Elizabethtown College softball team honored its seniors at The Nest prior to their Landmark Conference doubleheader with visiting Catholic University. In a pair of low scoring games, the Cardinals wound up winning both. Catholic took home a victory with game one, 2-1, and completed the series with a 2-0 win in game two. Senior Paige Phillips had a double and an RBI in game one for Etown.

GAME 1: CATHOLIC 2, ETOWN 1

Neither starter gave up a run through the first three innings as Katie Hurd and Phillips locked down the opposing offenses.

Graduate student Kaitlyn Witmer singled up the middle in the bottom of the fourth inning to put a runner on base with only one out. With first-year Jenna Davis on as a pinch runner and two outs, Phillips drove a double to the fence in right center field. Davis flew around second and third and scored to make it 1-0 for Etown.

That lead did not last too long as the Cardinals' Sarah Spaeth hit a solo home run to left field in the top of the fifth inning to tie the game. An inning later, Mikayla Czan singled to bring home another run that gave Catholic a 2-1 lead.

Hurd did not allow another run and closed out the Jays in the seventh inning to give the Cardinals the game-one win. Witmer and jJunior Grace Hussey each had two hits for Etown.

GAME 2: CATHOLIC 2, ETOWN 0

In game two, it was Catholic that took the lead first, this time in the first inning on an RBI ground out.

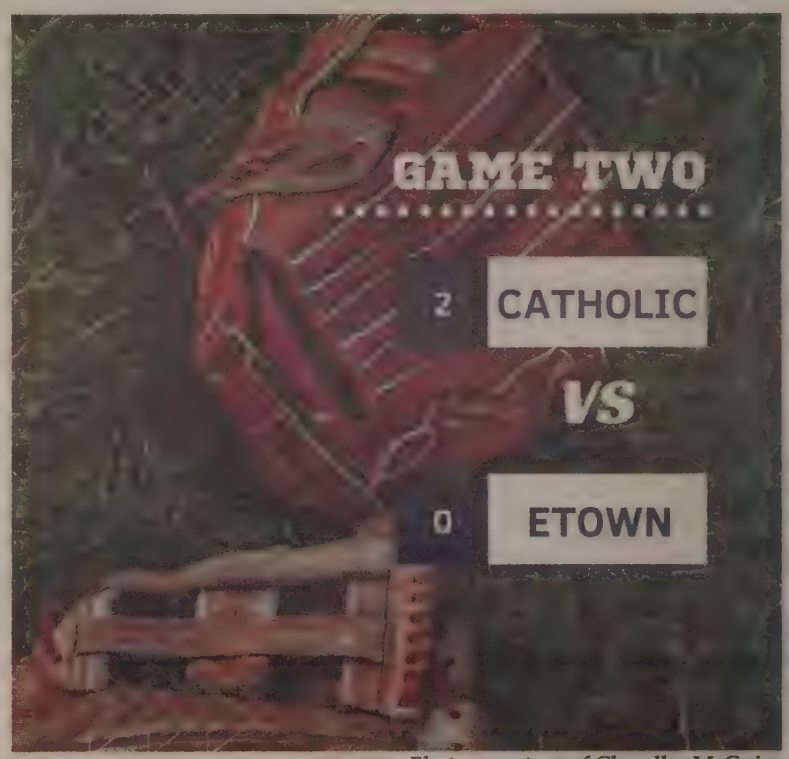
The Cardinals would put up another run in the third and that's all Cardinals pitcher Justina Benvenuto would need.

Etown had opportunities to score a run to tie the game, but Benvenuto was able to stave off any off damage. The Jays had runners in scoring position in the first, third, fourth and fifth innings, but could not generate the runs needed.

Benvenuto pitched the complete game shutout to get the win with four strikeouts. Phillips threw her second complete game of the day. She had one strikeout in game two.

Hussey had two hits for the second time of that series, and senior Amelia Lark also contributed a multi-hit effort and made several nice plays in left field defensively for Etown.

The softball team will play at Penn State Schuylkill on Wednesday, April 20. Game times are scheduled for 3 and 5 p.m.



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Elizabethtown College softball teams takes the time to honror the graduating seniors prior to the Landmark Conference.

Men's lacrosse scores 26-3 against Juniata

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On Saturday, April 16 in Elizabethtown, Pa., the Elizabethtown College men's lacrosse team faced off against the Juniata Eagles and left the field victorious. The final score was Etown 26, Juniata 3. First-year Colin Johnson had a great game, finishing with a career-high six points. The Blue Jays wound up destroying Juniata in the Landmark Conference action.

With the win, the Blue Jays' record improves to 7 wins and 6 losses overall and 3 wins and 1 loss in league play, while the Eagles fall to 1 win and 10 losses overall and 0 wins and 4 losses in the Landmark Conference's inaugural season.

Johnson registered three goals and three assists to help Etown reach the program and Landmark Conference record of 26 goals.

Senior Micah Baller had five goals, while teammate junior Colin Cummings had four goals and one assist. Sophomore Colin Kondracki had three goals and two assists. After the score was finalized, each tallied five points.

First-years Jack Loucks, Jacob Wallman and Jake Rivoir each scored for Juniata.

The Blue Jays took control of the game immediately, outscoring the Eagles 11-0 through the first quarter. Etown added five additional goals in the second period to take a 16-2 lead into the end of the first half. It was more of the same in the second half, as the Blue Jays scored an additional 10 goals to earn their third Landmark win of the season, with a final score of 26-3.

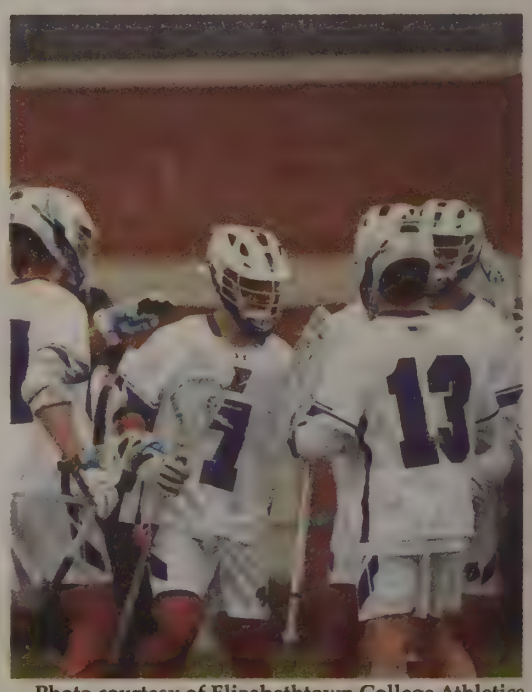
Senior Danny Gilbert collected a game-high 14 ground balls, while teammate first-year Graham Temple and sophomore TJ Chapman combined to win 16 face-offs and collect nine combined ground balls.

Senior Wes Mills, Cummings, sophomore Derek Baldwin, junior Riley Langen and first-year Gio Raso each finished with two caused turnovers.

Sophomore Brayden Franey earned his seventh win of the season facing zero shots. Sophomores Alec Newman and Will Oberle and first-year Kyle Miller finished up the game, combining for seven saves on 11 shots.

First-year Ryan Madison (0-1) took the loss, allowing 12 goals and making four saves. Sophomore Justin Pasquale subbed in and played most of the conclusion of the game, making 29 saves.

Etown is back in action on Wednesday, April 20 against Moravian. Opening face-off is set for 4 p.m.



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The men's lacrosse team has a swooping victory.

Marvin's message to seniors:

I wish you all the best in wherever the future takes you. I hope your every dream and wish comes true.

Remember to always follow your heart. No matter what you do in life, stay true to yourself. Fly from the nest, Jays, and touch the sky!

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